

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

~ June 2024 ~

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Name the Newsletter

Our Parish Newsletter needs a name!

Put your thinking cap on help us find a name!

Send your ideas to the new parish

email:

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Office Hours

If you want to set up a time to meet
with Pastor Jackie please call or
email to set up a time.

Pastor Jackie will typically be in the office

Monday 12-5

&

Wednesdays 8-4.

We are happy to arrange another time to
meet with you. Please feel free to call or
email to set up a time to connect.

Bible Study & Circles

Highland Prairie

**WEDNESDAY, JUNE 5
BIBLE STUDY AT 1:30**

**WEDNESDAY, JUNE 12
DO DAY, 9:00 A.M
FOLLOWED BY
FELLOWSHIP AND A
POTLUCK MEAL.**


Elstad

Esther Circle - 2nd Thursday
of the Month Meets 9:30

Leah Circle - Meets on 2nd
Tuesday of the Month Meets
in Lansboro @ 2:00

Elizabeth Circle - 2nd
Wednesday at Park Lane in
Preston @ 8:30

Bible Study - Meets at
Bethlehem in Lanesboro
on Monday @ 9:30



Pastors Corner

Where is Pastor Jackie???

June is going to be a little bit crazy!!!

With the school year ending Zowie will be splitting her time between Dodge Center and Peterson. I will be taking my days off in Dodge Center so we can soak up as much family time as we can with Quinn before he heads off to college. He will be managing the pool in DC this summer so he will be very busy!

Jeff & I will be busy as well working on getting the final things finished up with our home in DC as we prepare for Jeff to join us here full time.

Please keep him in your prayers as he looks for a new job.

I thought it would be best to share with you my schedule for the month so you will know where i am and what I am doing . I want to assure you that I am only a phone call away - if you need something do not hesitate to call.

***** June 5:** I will be working remotely from Dodge Center

June 6: All day Meeting @ Gustavus

June 16: I will be leaving right after worship to head to Duluth for my mothers funeral on **June 17th**

***** I will be in Duluth through the 19th**

June 20: Good Shepard Service

June 21-23: I will be in Iowa doing Wedding Stuff with my daughter Sadie

June 23: Pr. Eversole will be here for worship

Lord, creator of all things guide our steps and strengthen our hearts. Grant us refreshment of our bodies and minds in the busyness of summer. Let our words and actions reflect your love in all that we do.

Amen

Prayer Corner

Scripture tells us to pray without ceasing. Let's be known as a praying congregation. Please keep Sharon Ehler, Emily Charlebois, Scott Bestul, Julian Highum, Eldon Dahl, Marilyn Soland, Robert & Sharon Knutson, Cathy Bakkmum, Marlys Paulson, Ingrid Bunke, Peter Kennedy, Amy Timmerann, the family of Truman Dahl, Pr. Jackie's family as well as for all who are ill, suffering or in need of prayers.

Please use the elstadhighlandprairieparish@gmail.com email for all church business.

Thank you for helping us ensure timely and effective communication within the parish.

We will be working to update parish contact information, Birthdays & Anniversaries. If you have any updates, please **email** them to the church. If you notice an error on the Birthday or Anniversary list, please let us know so we can correct it ASAP.

***Deadlines for information to be included in upcoming communications

~ **Bulletin:** Wednesday by 3pm

~ **Newsletter:** The 19th of each Month

~ **Council Agenda & Reports:** The Wednesday before by 3pm

ONLINE Giving

Did you know you that you can share your financial gifts with your congregation electronically?

You have several options ...You can set up a reoccurring payment from your bank account through Bill Pay or Zelle.

Both of these are fee free & secure options to help make giving easy and to also ensure that your church community receives your support. If you would like more information about these options you can reach out to your bank or talk to Pr. Jackie



Stewardship

THE CAREFUL AND RESPONSIBLE MANAGEMENT
OF SOMETHING ENTRUSTED TO ONE'S CARE

WE TALK ABOUT HOW WE ARE CALLED TO LOVE & CARE FOR OUR NEIGHBORS. SOMETIMES IT CAN FEEL OVERWHELMING TO FIGURE OUT IF ANYTHING WE DO CAN MAKE A DIFFERENCE. I KNOW THAT WHEN MANY PEOPLE DO A LITTLE BIT, **TOGETHER WE CAN** MAKE A HUGE DIFFERENCE.

IN AN EFFORT TO HELP OUR PARISH PUT OUR WORDS INTO ACTION, EACH MONTH WE WILL BE COLLECTING ITEMS FOR OUR LOCAL ORGANIZATIONS . EACH MONTH WE WILL FOCUS ON A DIFFERENT AREA OF NEED.

JUNE'S ITEM WILL BE ...

"CONDIMENTS"

IF YOU ARE ABLE GRAB AN EXTRA BOTTLE OF YOUR FAVORITE CONDIMENT LIKE KETCHUP, MUSTARD OR RANCH DRESSING! PLACE YOUR ITEM IN THE BASKET AT CHURCH MARKED MINISTRY OF THE MONTH. WE WILL BE DONATING THE ITEMS COLLECTED AT THE END OF THE MONTH TO LOCAL FOOD PANTRY'S. IF YOU ARE ABLE TO HELP WITH DELIVERING THE ITEMS PLEASE LET PR. JACKIE KNOW.



**"LOVE GOD. LOVE OTHERS.
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MINISTRY BY ENGAGING OUR
FAMILIES IN MEANINGFUL WAYS.**

Youth & Family

2024 ELCA Youth Gathering

CREATED

TO BE MYLE
the tAble Young Adult Gathering

We have a group headed to New Orleans in July and we are still in need of additional funds to get them there.

How can you help, you ask ??

Grab an envelope off the back wall and fill it with the amount listed, seal it & place it in the offering plate . Every little bit helps- together we can do great things!!



Parish Youth Camping Out July 12-14
ALL youth entering 7th grade- college age are welcome!!! We are inviting area youth groups (invite your friends) to come pitch their tents at Highland Prairie and have some fun! More information will be posted at each church. Let Pastor Jackie know if you want to help or have questions.

LOOKING FOR VOLUNTEERS to HELP with a Community VACATION BIBLE SCHOOL
Talk to Pastor Jackie for more information or to sign- up to help!



JUNE HAPPENINGS



2024 Bowl Service Schedule

**June 30:
Farmers Market
Ramblers**

**July 28:
Fatherland**

August 18: TBD

**September 8:
Gary Froiland**

**Bowl Service June 30th
Farmers Market
Ramblers & Community
Meal
Highland Prairie
@ 10:30 a.m.**

HP Park shelter clean up!
Saturday, June 8th
and/or

Wednesday, June 12th

Grab your cleaning supplies and
help get the job done.

Contact Mary or Pr. Jackie if you
can help.

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ELSTAD COUNCIL MEETING REPORT

Sunday, May 19, 2024

Highland Prairie Lutheran Church

The meeting was called to order by President Gene Topness at 5:37 p.m.

Roll call: Pastor Jackie, Gene Topness, Kathy Abrahamson, Krissy Orland, Jennifer Nepstad, Amber Arends and Tanya Wolfs were present. Christopher Nelson was missing.

A Quorum was called.

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

Congregation members present to address the council: None

President's report: None

Pastor's report: Pastor Jackie updated the council on summer youth group activities, joint VBS with Elstad and Highland Prairie, and other summer ministry items - including the summer bowl worship services. She announced her upcoming summer vacation days and notified the council that the Rev. Chris Miller will be filling in while she is out in July and August. She is still looking for someone to fill in for June.

Correspondence received: None

Old business:

- Contractors have been told to proceed with the tuckpointing and steeple shingling.
- Round window just below the steeple broke. Rich Nepstad repaired it with wood, but didn't see a reason to replace it with glass. The council agreed.

New business:

- ~ Pastor Jackie is looking for volunteers to video the worship service each week.
 - She will ask the Elstad youth.
- ~ The church is planning to do a drive-thru pork burger meal on Wednesday, Sept. 4
 - in the Lanesboro Community Center parking lot from 5-7 p.m.

The treasurer's report was reviewed. Amber Arends made a motion to accept, seconded by Krissy Overland. Motion carried. The report will be placed on file for audit at a later date.

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

Motion was made by Krissy Overland to adjourn, seconded by Amber Arends. Meeting adjourned at 6:24 p.m.

Next council meeting is at Elstad Lutheran Church on Sunday, July 14 at 7:30 p.m.

Submitted by: Tanya Wolfs, council secretary



PARISH COUNCIL MEETING REPORT

ELSTAD-HIGHLAND PRAIRIE LUTHERAN CHURCH PARISH COUNCIL MEETING
MAY 19, 2024

THE MEETING WAS CALLED TO ORDER AT 6:34 P.M. BY ELSTAD PRESIDENT GENE TOPNESS.

COUNCIL MEMBERS KATHY ABRAHAMSON, AMBER ARENDS, JENNIFER NEPSTAD, KRISSY OVERLAND, GENE TOPNESS, ROBERT ANFINSON, KAREN BAKKEN, SHARON EHLER, KRISTI GUDMUNDSON, MARY GUDMUNDSON, VAL HOWE, DAVID MARKEGARD, AND MIKE PEPIN WERE PRESENT. KYLE CHIGLO, STEVE HOWE AND CHRIS NELSON WERE ABSENT.

A QUORUM WAS DETERMINED AND A MOTION TO APPROVE THE AGENDA AS PRESENTED WAS MADE BY JENNIFER NEPSTAD, KRISSY OVERLAND SECONDED. MOTION CARRIED. DEVOTIONS WERE GIVEN BY VAL HOWE.

PRESIDENT'S REPORT – GENE TOPNESS RECOGNIZED SHARON EHLER FOR SERVING AND WISHED HER WELL.

PASTOR'S REPORT – PASTOR JACKIE SHORT SHARED HER REPORT OF VISITS, MINISTRY ITEMS INCLUDING THE UPCOMING FIRST COMMUNION CLASS BEGINNING MAY 26TH; YOUTH CAMPING TRIP, VACATION BIBLE SCHOOL, AND BOWL WORSHIP SERVICES AS WELL AS COMMUNITY SERVICES, VACATION DAYS, AND A FEW PARSONAGE ITEMS.

YOUTH REPORT – SYNOD YOUTH EVENT USING THE BOWL AND GROUNDS IS BEING DEVELOPED.

CORRESPONDENCE - NONE

OLD BUSINESS: PARSONAGE ROCK GARDEN PROJECT NEEDS TO BE WORKED ON.

NEW BUSINESS: NONE

THE SECRETARY'S REPORT WAS READ AND A MOTION TO APPROVE AS READ WAS MADE BY AMBER AHREND, MIKE PEPIN SECONDED. MOTION CARRIED.

A MOTION TO ADJOURN WITH THE LORD'S PRAYER WAS MADE AT 7:05 P.M. BY KRISSY OVERLAND, KRISTI GUDMUNDSON SECONDED. MOTION CARRIED.

NEXT JOINT MEETING WILL BE AT 6:30 PM ON JULY 14, 2024 AT ELSTAD.

HIGHLAND PRAIRIE COUNCIL MEETING REPORT MAY 19, 2024

THE MEETING WAS CALLED TO ORDER AT 7:10 P.M. BY ACTING PRESIDENT MIKE PEPIN. COUNCIL MEMBERS PRESENT WERE ROBERT ANFINSON, KAREN BAKKEN, SHARON EHLER, KRISTI GUDMUNDSON, MARY GUDMUNDSON, VAL HOWE AND MIKE PEPIN.

KYLE CHIGLO AND STEVE HOWE WERE ABSENT.

DEVOTIONS WERE GIVEN AT THE PARISH COUNCIL MEETING.

A QUORUM WAS DETERMINED, AND A MOTION TO APPROVE THE AGENDA WAS MADE BY SHARON EHLER, DAVID MARKEGARD SECONDED. MOTION CARRIED

NO CONGREGATION MEMBERS PRESENT. .

CORRESPONDENCE: NONE

COMMITTEE REPORTS: CHURCH – FIRE EXTINGUISHERS WERE CHECKED AND THE AED NEEDS NEW BATTERY AND ADULT AND CHILDREN’S PADS FOR \$300.00.

GROUNDS COMMITTEE – DIRT NEEDED FOR ROCK GARDEN AND ELECTRICAL TRENCH. SEAL COATING OF PARKING LOT NEEDED. WORSHIP COMMITTEE – NEEDS TO MEET

YOUTH & EDUCATION COMMITTEE – CONFIRMATION DINNER DISCUSSED.

OLD BUSINESS: GOLF CART STORAGE – THE GOLF CART WILL BE MOVED TO CHURCH BASEMENT IN WINTER MONTHS. IT HAS BEEN USED FOR MOVING ITEMS TO THE CHURCH AND ALSO A RECENT CEMETERY VISITOR WAS ESCORTED TO FIND A GRAVE.

NEW BUSINESS: APPROVAL OF CONFIRMANDS – PASTOR JACKIE PRESENTED COLTEN HORNING, TAHVEN PEPIN, AND BENJAMIN RYAN FOR APPROVAL. VAL HOWE MADE A MOTION TO APPROVE THE FOUR, SHARON EHLER SECONDED. MOTION CARRIED.

UPCOMING COUNCIL VACANCY. SHAREN EHLER WILL BE MOVING OUT OF STATE SOON AND MADE A MOTION TO HAVE AMY JACOBSON COMPLETE HER TERM BEGINNING IN JUNE. MIKE PEPIN SECONDED. MOTION CARRIED.

CONCERNS THAT THE ROSEMALED PLAQUE ABOVE THE ENTRANCE DOORS NEEDS TO BE IN A MORE PROMINENT PLACE WAS DISCUSSED.

ONLINE GIVING OPTIONS WERE DISCUSSED. INFO ON DIFFERENT OPTIONS WILL BE ADDED TO THE NEWSLETTER.

PARKING LOT SEALCOATING QUOTE OF \$7,800.00 FOR THE 2024 SEASON WAS DISCUSSED AGAIN AND IT WAS FELT THAT WE NEED TO STAY ON TOP OF THIS DESPITE THE COST AS IT DOUBLES IF WE HAVE TO MAKE REPAIRS AGAIN. MIKE PEPIN MADE A MOTION TO GO AHEAD AND GET THE SEALCOATING SCHEDULED, VAL HOWE SECONDED. MOTION CARRIED.

AED NEEDS WERE DISCUSSED IN COMMITTEE REPORTS AND VAL HOWE MOVED TO ORDER THE BATTERY AND NEW PADS, KRISTI GUDMUNDSON SECONDED. MOTION CARRIED.

THE SECRETARY’S REPORT WAS READ AND A MOTION TO APPROVE WAS MADE BY VAL HOWE, SHARON EHLER SECONDED. MOTION CARRIED.

A MOTION TO ADJOURN WITH THE LORD’S PRAYER AT 8:40 P.M. WAS MADE BY DAVID MARKEGARD, KAREN BAKKEN SECONDED. MOTION CARRIED.

RESPECTFULLY SUBMITTED MARY GUDMUNDSON

NEXT MEETING IS JUNE 9TH 5:30 PM AT HIGHLAND PRAIRIE.

Highland Prairie Financials for March 2024

YTD Income	\$ 29,116
YTD Expenses	\$ 26,713
Expenses Exceed Income	\$ 2,403
YTD Budget	\$ 37,168
YTD Income	\$ 29,116
YTD Under	\$ 8,052

JUNE BIRTHDAYS AND ANNIVERSARIES!

All Birthdays & Anniversaries are listed according to the information on file. If you see an error please contact Lisa Chiglo ~ Email: elstadhighlandprairieparish@gmail.com

HAPPY BIRTHDAY

1~ Ron Stensgard
~ Janette Dragvold
~ Madalynn Keller
3~ Glen Bakken
~ Ruth Moraski
~ Sommer Johnson
4~ Lynnette Pederson
~ Andrew Bacon
5~ Tony Knutson
~ Siena Heydt-Nelson
8~ Jason Dragvold
~ Kortnie Woxland
~ Liam Johnson
9~ Richard Todd
~ Christopher Berge
10~ Julie Koop
11~ Bob Brand
~ Jessica Rebhahn
~ Lisa Chiglo
12~ Jay Dahl
~ Elissa Beach
~ Carter Ask
~ Adam James
13~ David Lombard
~ James Rein
14~ Riley Koop
15~ Tom Dybing
~ Chris Schwichtenberg
~ Andrea Waldron

16~ Paul Ehler
~ Sawyer Nelson
~ Adalyn Hahn
17~ Tate Lind
18~ Alison Feine
~ Wilson Storhoff
19~ Julie Dragvold
~ Marcasia Short
~ Allyson Christian
21~ Tony Semmen
22~ Kalin Dahl
~ Annabelle Christian
23~ Scott Meldahl
~ Rebekah Solum
24~ Jeffrey Self
25~ Cindy Howe
~ Sari Rein
~ Kyson Klug
26~ Kim Halverson
27~ Dick Haight
~ Cathy Bakkum
~ Deb Topness
~ Andrew Nepstad
28~ Kristi Berge
~ Michael Evenson
~ Avalon Jacobson
29~ Charles Mierau
~ David Howe
~ Kari Drinkall
~ Jessie Rustad
~ Joshua Howe
30~ David McHan
~ Bryce Peterson

HAPPY ANNIVERSARY

2~ David & Lori Bakke
9~ Richard & Jennifer
Nepstad
19~ Jeff & Carolyn Freese
20~ Ron & Martha
Stensgard
21~ Murt & Sharon Boyum
~ Erik & Lisa Sievers
25~ Duane & Angle Bakke
27~ Steven & Lynn Ryan
29~ Glen & Karen Bakken
30~ John & Jennifer
DeGeorge

JUNE 2024

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Visit our websites at...

elstadlutheranchurch.org

highlandprairielutheranchurch.org

SUN	MON	TUE	WED	THU	FRI	SAT
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2 HP—9:00 a.m. EL—10:30 a.m. Lind recital @ HP—1:00 p.m.	3 Bible study— 9:30 a.m. @ Bethlehem in Lanesboro	4	5 HP WELCA Bible study 1:30 p.m. Elizabeth circle—8:30 a.m. Bulletin Deadline	6 Esther circle 9:30 a.m.	7	8 HP Park Shel- ter clean-up
9 HP—9:00 a.m. EL—10:30 a.m. HP council @ 5:30 p.m.	10 Bible study— 9:30 a.m. @ Bethlehem in Lanesboro	11 Leah circle 2:00 p.m.	12 HP WELCA Do-Day 9 a.m. Bulletin Deadline	13	14	15
16 HP—9:00 a.m. EL—10:30 a.m.	17 Bible study— 9:30 a.m. @ Bethlehem in Lanesboro	18	19 Newsletter Deadline Bulletin Deadline	20	21	22
23 HP—9:00 a.m. EL—10:30 a.m. 30 Outdoor Parish Worship @ 10:30 a.m.	24 Bible study— 9:30 a.m. @ Bethlehem in Lanesboro	25	26 Bulletin Deadline	27	28	29

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HIGHLAND PRAIRIE
ACOLYTES/READERS/GREETERS

SUNDAY, JUNE 2, 2024

ACOLYTE: BRODY GELLERSEN
READERS: BRODY GELLERSEN
GREETERS:

SUNDAY, JUNE 9, 20234

ACOLYTE:
READERS: STEVE HOWE
GREETER:

SUNDAY, JUNE 16, 2024

ACOLYTE:
READERS:
GREETERS:

SUNDAY, JUNE 23, 2024

ACOLYTE:
READERS:
GREETERS:

SUNDAY, JUNE 30, 2024 ~ OUTDOOR WORSHIP

READERS:
GREETERS:

ELSTAD
ACOLYTES/READERS/USHERS

SUNDAY, JUNE 2, 2024

ACOLYTE:
READERS:
GREETERS:

SUNDAY, JUNE 9, 20234

ACOLYTE:
READERS:
GREETER:

SUNDAY, JUNE 16, 2024

ACOLYTE:
READERS:
GREETERS:

SUNDAY, JUNE 23, 2024

ACOLYTE:
READERS: PAULA HOWE
GREETERS:

SUNDAY, JUNE 30, 2024 ~ OUTDOOR WORSHIP

READERS:
GREETERS:

USHERS: GENE & VICKY TOPNESS