

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

~ September 2023 ~

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September Worship
Schedule

Time Change

Sunday, September 3, 2023
Time after Pentecost

Highland Prairie—9:00 a.m.
Elstad—10:30 a.m.

Romans 12:9-18

Matthew 16:21-29

Sunday, September 10, 2023
Time after Pentecost

Parish Worship @ Elstad—
10:30 a.m.

~ Rally Sunday ~

Sunday, September 17, 2023
Time after Pentecost

Highland Prairie—9:00 a.m.
Elstad—10:30 a.m.

Genesis 50:15-21

Psalms 103:[1-7] 8-13

Romans 14:1-12

Matthew 18:21-35

Sunday, September 24, 2023
Time after Pentecost

Highland Prairie—9:00 a.m.
Elstad—10:30 a.m.

Jonah 3:10—4:11

Psalms 145:1-8

Philippians 1:21-30

Matthew 20:1-16

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Dear ones of Elstad and Highland Prairie-

When I came to Elstad and Highland Prairie in July of 2022 during a time of transition in both the congregations' and my own life. David, John Henry and I had moved to Minnesota when I took a job with Gundersen Hospice. When that position did not work like we had hoped our family was thrown into a time of discernment that was uncertain and we did not know what would happen next. In the midst of that time, the interim pastor position opened up with Highland Prairie and Elstad both of which were a soft and welcoming place to land.

When I took the call to serve as your interim, I had deep hopes that it might lead to a settled call. You welcomed me, and David and John Henry, with enthusiasm and open arms. We have gone on some adventures in worship with new liturgies and new hymns together. You have provided a space where my child has known the incredible love of a church family, so much so that church is one of his favorite places.

However, David has been offered, and accepted, an opportunity to serve Faith Lutheran Church in Dickinson, TX. This means that I must let you know that I will not be putting my name forward as a candidate for your settled pastor, with my last Sunday serving with you being September 24th.

The move to Texas offers us the chance to be closer to John Henry's cousins, and to get David out of the Minnesota winters. While we aren't sure where I will land for a call yet, we are trusting that the Holy Spirit is up to her usual movement and that she will show us the way

Over the next couple of weeks, as we prepare to say good-bye, I will work with councils, leadership and synod office to make sure logistics are covered. Pr. Barb Streed, the Assistant to the Bishop for the Southeast Minnesota Synod, met with your council and call committee this past Sunday to walk through the next steps for the congregation and to give them support as your leaders. She will continue to walk with you through the call process until your next pastor is called.

You are an incredible church and God is doing amazing things through you. While I will be ending my time as your interim pastor and will not be able to be a direct part of it anymore, I look forward to seeing the amazing things God will do through you amazing people.

From the bottom of my heart, thank you for all you are and all you have done in the past year to help Highland Prairie and Elstad be home for me. You have all been a blessing.

Peace and blessings,
Pastor Alma Bucu

Prayer Corner

Scriptures tell us to pray without ceasing. Let's be known as a praying congregation. Please keep Ferne Brewster, Lisa Bakkum, Sharon Ehler, Emily Charlebois, Julian Highum, Robert Knutson, the family of Ross Boyum, and all others who are ill or in need of our prayers.

Reminder of the Worship Time Change
(September—December)

9:00 a.m.—Highland Prairie
10:30 am.—Elstad

Sunday, Sept. 10, 2023 ~ Parish Council Meetings
Host Church— Highland Prairie

5:30 p.m.—Elstad council
6:30 p.m.—Parish council
7:30 p.m.—Highland Prairie council

Elstad Lutheran Drive – Thru Dinner

When: Wednesday, September 6, 2023 – 5:00 – 7:00 p.m.

Where: Sylvan Park, Lanesboro

Menu: Pork Burger, chips, frosted brownie, and bottled water

\$10 – 1 pork burger meal
\$14 – 2 pork burger meal

Pre-purchase ticket at Granny's Liquor in Lanesboro or from any of Elstad's council members. Limited extra meals will be available



Rally Sunday ~ Sunday, September 10, 2023 at Elstad, 10:30 a.m.

Worship will be outside please bring your lawn chairs.

Join our community choir for a Christian Cantata called ***He Lived the Good Life***, the story of Jesus' life with a 70s vibe! The "mini-cantata" consists of five upbeat songs including instrumentalists and readings. Songs are 2-part, unison, with repetitive choruses that can be intergenerational with young choir voices too. All singers and all levels welcome!

Rehearsals will be on Wednesdays Oct. 4 through Nov. 15 from 5:30 - 6:30 pm at Bethlehem Lutheran, Lanesboro. Performances will be Saturday Nov. 18 at 7:00 pm at Bethlehem, and Sunday Nov. 19 at 2:00 pm at Sons of Norway Hall.

Sign up by contacting Julie Kiehne julie.kiehne@gmail.com 507-272-4581 with your interest to join our community choir! Also, an electric and bass guitarist needed.

Highland Prairie Financials for July 2023

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| YTD Income | \$ 51,730 |
| YTD Expenses | \$ 55,054 |
| Expenses Exceed Income | \$ 3,324 |
| YTD Budget | \$ 62,419 |
| YTD Income | \$ 51,730 |
| YTD Under | \$ 10,689 |

Elstad Financials for July 2023

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| Elstad budget for June | \$7454.83 |
| Received May | \$ 5377.00 |
| Under May | \$ 2077.83 |
| Elstad Budget YTD | \$ 52183.81 |
| Received YTD | \$ 35456.83 |
| Under YTD | \$ 16726.99 |

Highland Prairie Lutheran Church Council Meeting

August 20, 2023

The meeting was called to order at 12:30 p.m. by President Kyle Chiglo

Council Members present were Karen Bakken, Kyle Chiglo, Sharon Ehler, Mary Gudmundson, Steve Howe, Val Howe, David Markegard, and Mike Pepin. Robert Anfinson and Lyle Meldahl were absent.

Devotions were prayer led by Pastor Barb Streed.

A quorum was determined, and a motion to approve the agenda as presented was made by Steve Howe, Mike Pepin seconded. Motion carried.

No congregation members present.

The Treasurer's Report was given by Karen Bakken. The year-to-date information provided was income of \$51,730.00 expenses \$55,054.00; expenses exceed income by \$3,324.00. A motion to approve as presented was made by Sharon Ehler, Val Howe seconded. Motion carried.

President's Report – None

Pastor's Report – None

Correspondence – Thank you and donation in honor of a 50th wedding anniversary.

Committee Reports:

Church –

Grounds – Parking lot seal coating needs to be done

Worship –

Youth & Education – Sunday school will be during worship using the Spark program

Old Business:

New Business: Call Committee met with Pastor Barb Streed.

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 12:50 p.m. was made by David Markegard, Sharon Ehler seconded. Motion carried.

Respectfully submitted, Mary Gudmundson

Next Meeting is September 10th 7:30 at Highland Prairie. Joint meeting 6:30.

SEPTEMBER BIRTHDAYS AND ANNIVERSARIES!

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

Happy
Birthday
TO YOU

1~ Kendra Hafeman
2~ Norma Halverson
5~ Aubrey Wiley
~ Teigen Johnson
6~ Brenda Markegard
~ Gabriel Becker
~ Kenzie Woxland
7~ Gordon Johnson
~ Todd James
~ Sara Johnson
~ Kayla Culhane
~ Kaleb Kendhammer
8~ Carl Lawstuen
~ Richard Koop
9~ Maynard Rustad
~ Mark Lee
~ Trenten Chiglo
10~ Dennis Knutson
~ John Rein
11~ Susan Lind
~ Troy Storhoff
12~ Curtis Wangen
~ Larissa Ryan
13~ Tonya Mensink
~ Kristina Stensgard
14~ Kristin Overland
~ Ryan Feine
~ Parker Root

15~ Tyler Drinkall
16~ Lori Hundorf
17~ Lucas Gravos
~ Elizabeth Hageman
18~ Marion Dahl
~ Michele Thompson
~ Hale Stensgard
~ Ella Dammen
20~ Aubrey Daniels
21~ Marcia Randall
~ Gabriel Dybing
~ Borgan Lee
23~ Doreen Semmen
~ Bonnie Hallum
~ Carol Dybing
24~ John Overland
~ Ryan Jacobson
26~ Derek Dahl
~ Jordan Markegard
27~ Lyle Meldahl
~ Dick Lawstuen
28~ Gene Wangen
~ Jamie Wiley
~ Emma Eide
29~ Terry Blagsvedt
~ Jason Yonts
~ Mabel Thomas
30~ Kendall Bakkum
~ Joel Hageman
~ Corey Woxland
~ Katherine Halverson
~ Andrew Hoiness



4~ Chuck & Sharon Ehler
~ Dave & Debbie Lawstuen
5~ Darrel & Ellen Highum
8~ Gordon & Glee Claussen
10~ Nick & Sarah Wangen
14~ Bob & Paula Brand
14~ Tom & Carol Dybing
16~ Dick & Diane Haight
23~ Elvin & Marlys Paulson
~ Christopher & Ann
Hoiland
27~ Gene & Vicky Topness
30~ Val & Mary
Gudmundson

September 2023

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 Visit our websites at...
elstadlutheranchurch.org
highlandprairielutheranchurch.org

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| 3 HP—9:00 a.m. EL -10:30 a.m. | 4 | 5 | 6 HP WELCA Bible Study—1:30 p.m. Elstad -Drive - Thru Dinner (5-7 p.m.) Bulletin Deadline | 7 | 8 | 9 |
| 10 Rally Sunday Parish Worship @ EL 10:30 a.m. Council Mtg. @ HP 5:30—Elstad 6:30—Parish 7:30—HP | 11 | 12 | 13 HP WELCA Quilting/Do Day 9:00 a.m. Confirmation 6:30 p.m. Bulletin Deadline | 14 | 15 Newsletter Deadline | 16 |
| 17 HP—9:00 a.m. EL -10:30 a.m. | 18 | 19 | 20 Confirmation 6:30 p.m. Bulletin Deadline | 21 | 22 | 23 |
| 24 HP—9:00 a.m. EL -10:30 a.m. | 24 | 26 | 27 Confirmation 6:30 p.m. Bulletin Deadline | 28 | 29 | 30 |

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HIGHLAND PRAIRIE
ACOLYTES/READERS/GREETERS

SUNDAY, SEPTEMBER 3, 2023

ACOLYTE:

READER: MARY GUDMUNDSON

GREETERS:

SUNDAY, SEPTEMBER 10, 2023

PARISH WORSHIP @ EL ~ RALLY SUNDAY

SUNDAY, SEPTEMBER 17, 2023

ACOLYTE:

READERS:

GREETERS:

SUNDAY, SEPTEMBER 24, 2023

ACOLYTE:

READER: STEVE HOWE

GREETERS:

ELSTAD
ACOLYTES/READERS/USHERS

SUNDAY, SEPTEMBER 3, 2023

ACOLYTE:

READER: VICKY TOPNESS

GREETERS: AMBER & ANDY ARNEDS

SUNDAY, SEPTEMBER 10, 2023

PARISH WORSHIP ~ RALLY SUNDAY

ACOLYTE:

READER:

GREETERS: TOM & CAROLYN SMITH

SUNDAY, SEPTEMBER 17, 2023

ACOLYTE:

READER: GLEE CLAUSSEN

GREETERS:

SUNDAY, SEPTEMBER 24, 2023

ACOLYTE:

READER: LORI BAKKE

GREETERS:

USHERS: DICK & DIANE HAIGHT