

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

*~ November 2015 ~*

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*Worship Schedule*

*November 2015*

*Sunday, November 1*

*9:00 a.m. Highland Prairie*

*10:00 a.m. Sunday school*

*11:00 a.m. Elstad*

*Thank Offing at Elstad*

*Sunday, November 8*

*9:00 a.m. Highland Prairie*

*Thank Offering at HP*

*10:00 a.m. Sunday school*

*11:00 a.m. Elstad*

*Sunday, November 15*

*\*Schedule Change\**

*10:00 a.m. Parish Sunday  
school @ Highland Prairie*

*11:00 a.m. Parish Worship @  
Highland Prairie*

*Sunday, November 22*

*9:00 a.m. Highland Prairie*

*10:00 a.m. Sunday school*

*11:00 a.m. Elstad*

*Wednesday, November 25*

*Thanksgiving Eve Worship @*

*Elstad 7:00 p.m.*

*Sunday, November 29*

*9:00 a.m. Highland Prairie*

*10:00 a.m. Sunday school*

*11:00 a.m. Elstad*

*Cantata @ Elstad 5:00 p.m.*

**Worship & Sunday School Schedule Change**

**November 15th**

We will be hosting Pastor Mioche and Pastor Joas from Haiti

Parish Sunday school 10:00 a.m. at Highland Prairie

Parish Worship 11:00 a.m. at Highland Prairie

please join us after for a pot luck dinner.

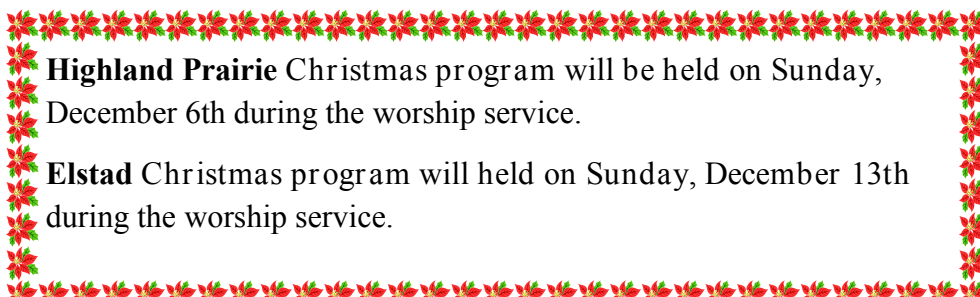
**Elstad Cantata**

The annual Elstad cantata will be presented on Sunday, November 29<sup>th</sup> at 5 p.m. Advent Song is guaranteed to draw your attention to and help you step into the Advent season of 2015. Delightful pre-concert music will begin at 4:30 p.m. Be sure to come early for the best seats in the house fill up quickly. As is the custom there is a great variety of musical numbers in this concert presentation so there is something to satisfy everyone.

Directly after the concert there will be holiday refreshments in the fellowship hall. Everyone is most welcome.

**~ Highland Prairie Bazaar Date Change ~**

The date for our bazaar has been changed to Sunday, December 6th and will include a benefit for Jennifer Lee with lunch, bake sale and auction. Watch posters, bulletins and December newsletter for details. This will also give everyone more time to prepare items to donate. Suggested auction items: artwork, themed baskets, handmade items, jewelry, figurines, glassware, holiday items, plants, collectibles, dinners, services. Everyone is invited to participate and donate - we have so many creative and talented people among us so please share those skills...

 **Highland Prairie** Christmas program will be held on Sunday, December 6th during the worship service.

**Elstad** Christmas program will held on Sunday, December 13th during the worship service.

### **Prayer Corner**

*Scriptures tell us to pray without ceasing. Let's be known as a praying congregation. Please keep Eric Johnson, Don Anderson, Ashley Bergen, Arlan Peterson, Linda Wilson, Lila Jameson, Elaine Holm, Dagny Anderson, Jim Wangen, Amy Eberly, Jennifer Lee, Marge Abrahamson, Merwood Storhoff, Steve Storhoff, Allene Haugstad, Deb Topness, Delores Olson and all who are ill or in need of your prayers.*

### **Elstad World Hunger**

November is a second designated month for contributing to the world hunger campaign. A campaign which is always ongoing. The problem of world hunger is a 24/7 situation in not only our county and country but it seems to be a major global concern. November is also a month where any food donations may be brought to the church and given to the local food shelf. Food donations will be accepted until Sunday, November 22<sup>nd</sup>. Any monetary contributions can be put in the offering plate or given to the church Treasurer. Elstad is known as a generous and giving church and words of appreciation are always given with the delivery of food or money to this worthy cause. Thank you for caring.

### **Highland Prairie Council Meeting Highlights**

**October 11, 2015**

The meeting was called to order by vice president Sarah Bearbower at 5:31 p.m.

A quorum was called.

Council member Steve Howe was present with his wife Val and daughter Paula. Paula was along to address the council with her faith statement. Her faith statement was one of her final steps to take on her way to being confirmed.

Pastor Marie reported that it is nice to have a baptism the same day as confirmation. Also the transition task force will be progressing along in the following weeks.

Committee reports and old business:

There are a few trees around the grounds that have become a danger and will be removed this winter.

The new marque sign is in place. The bowl building wall has been repaired and looks excellent. David, Kyle and Charles will work on moving forward with the elevator.

Meeting adjourned at 7:00 p.m.

#### **Highland Prairie Financials for September 2015**

YTD Income	\$ 65,309*
YTD Expenses	\$ 55,991
Income exc. Expenses	\$ 9,318
YTD Budget	\$ 67,125
YTD Income	\$ 65,309
YTD Over	\$ 1,816

\*Includes sale of logs for \$7,500

#### **Elstad Financials for September 2015**

Budget	\$ 7804.83
Received	\$ 4884.00
Under	\$ 2920.83
YTD Budget	\$ 70243.47
YTD Received	\$ 49820.00
YTD Under	\$ 202423.46

## November message from Pastor Marie

According to an E-mail I received: here are some of the things Thanksgiving cook should be thankful for.

Dishwashers, because they make it possible to get out of the kitchen before the snacking begins.

Crockpots, because you no longer have to mash potatoes and make gravy at the last moment.

Teenagers, because they provide appetites for leftovers.

Smoke alarms, because they let you know when the turkey's done.

Humorous, yes. But what about being thankful for the things in life that do make the days easier?

Like: your children have found good friends

the cancer is in remission

a great job followed the loss of the last one

your parents are healthy

the diet worked

the car is still running

medical care is good and near by

electricity is available all day, every day

everyone gets to go to school

the water is safe to drink

we can worship without fear

This year and especially this season of thanksgiving, do appreciate and celebrate and thank God for the daily things and the humorous things that make daily living enjoyable. And then, thank God for the most thing in daily life; forgiveness of sins. Your sins are forgiven through the life, death and resurrection of Jesus. Salvation is yours. Daily life is filled with hope, because eternal life is yours.

Shalom Pastor Marie

### ***Psalm 136***

Thank GOD! He deserves your thanks. Thank the God of all gods. Thank the Lord of all lords.

*His love never quits.*

Thank the miracle-working God. The God whose skill formed the cosmos.

*His love never quits.*

The God who laid the earth on ocean foundations.

*His love never quits.*

The God who filled the skies. The sun to watch over the day. Moon and stars as guardians of the night.

*His love never quits.*

The God who takes of everyone in time of need. Thank God, who did it all!

*His love never quits!*

## **Elstad—Highland Prairie Thank-Offering Services and donation list**

**Elstad– November 1, 2015 ~ Highland Prairie November 8th**

### SOAP

Bath sized bars (4 to 5 oz.) with wrapping, only new bars of any brand.

### BABY CARE KITS

Two lightweight cotton T-shirts (no onesies)  
Two long or short sleeved gowns for sleepers (without feet)  
Two receiving blankets, medium weight cotton or flannel up to 52"  
Four cloth diapers flat fold preferred  
One jacket, sweater or sweatshirt with a hood or include a baby cap  
One pair of socks  
One hand towel, dark color recommended  
Two bath size bars (4 to 5 oz. of gentle soap in original wrapping)  
Two diaper pins or large safety pins

### SCHOOL KITS

Four 70 sheet notebooks (280-300 sheets total) or wide or college ruled paper - no loose leaf paper  
One 30 centimeter ruler or a ruler with centimeters on one side and inches on the other  
One pencil sharpener  
One pair of blunt scissors  
Five unsharpened #2 pencils with erasers; secure with a rubber band  
Five black or blue ballpoint pens (no gel ink); secure together with a rubber bank  
One box of 15 or 24 crayons  
One 2 1/2 " eraser  
One sturdy backpack approximately 14" X 17 ". with shoulder straps ( no standard backpacks)  
(There are backpacks made according to specifications available at church)

### QUILTS (and blankets)

Completed edge to edge 60" X 80"

### FABRIC KITS

Two pieces of cotton or cotton-blend fabric (no knits or 100% polyester)  
Sizes: 2 1/2 yards X 60" OR 3 yards x 44" OR 4 yards x 36"  
Two spools of neutral colored, general purpose thread, 250-300 yards each

### PERSONAL CARE KITS

One light weight bath towel (between 20" X 40" or 52" x 27" dark color recommended)  
Two bath sized (4 to 5 oz.) soap of any brand in original wrapping  
One adult sized tooth brush in original packaging ( tooth brushes from multiple pack may be divided one each to large white envelope)  
1 sturdy comb -- remove packaging  
One metal nail clippers (attached file optional) remove packaging

## OFFICE OF THE BISHOP STAFF TRANSITIONS

Several staff transitions have taken place at the Office of the Bishop in recent months. We give great thanks for the leadership of these team members who have now concluded their time with the staff to enter into new possibilities. Karen Gieseke and Rev. Linda Gunderson served as Assistants to the Bishop. Karen's focus was as Director for Faith Formation, and Rev. Linda's focus was as Director for Rostered Leadership. We pray God's blessing and joy upon them in their new endeavors! Below are portions of their farewell letters written for all the people of our Southeastern Minnesota Synod.

**Original send date: August 25, 2015**

Dear Friends,

I have received and experienced the amazing grace of Jesus Christ each time I visited with you, your congregation, your council, your families, and your community. It has transformed me deeply these past four years to be your partner in God's work in the world.

And it is with sadness, and joy, that I share with you that I have accepted a new ministry position at Luther Seminary in St. Paul, which means I will be encountering Jesus through new people, new congregations, and new communities in the weeks ahead. I am so blessed and privileged to have been part of the Southeastern Minnesota Synod Office of the Bishop! This synod has been forward-thinking for many years, as they planned for and launched a staff position to support ministry in congregations around Faith Formation and Family Ministry. What a privilege for me to serve in this position for the first four years of its ministry! Many seeds have been planted, taken root, and are growing and bearing fruit as you nurture Christian faith in your communities! God invites you to continue tending these seeds, planting more, and inviting the Spirit into the next season in the ministry of the synod and your congregation!

Your Servant and Ministry Partner,

*Karen Gieseke*

**Original send date: September 29, 2015**

Partners in Ministry,

It is with sadness and anticipation that I end my call as Assistant to the Bishop on October 31. Sadness because I will truly miss the leaders and congregations of this synod who have blessed me in so many ways. Anticipation because like you, I trust that the Holy Spirit leads the way and will once again lead me into another ministry adventure.

As I prepare to conclude my time here, call committees, those in candidacy and those I work with in other ways will be connected to a leader to walk with them during this staff transition. You can anticipate receiving information from me in the days ahead.

Thank you, and I truly cannot say thank you enough, for your witness and work on behalf of Jesus Christ. Thank you for your witness to me, your sharing of your stories and your faith over these past 8 years.

Blessings and joy in the love of Jesus Christ,

*Rev. Linda Gunderson*

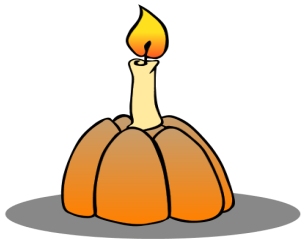
Stay tuned for next month's issue of The Bridge! You'll be introduced to the synod's two new interim team members: Rev. Susan Miller and Mary Kay Duchene. In the meantime, be sure to visit <http://bitly.com/newteammembers> to read their biographies and learn about what their focus areas will be on the Office of the Bishop team.

# NOVEMBER 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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## Happy Birthday



1~ Jennifer Dahl  
 ~ Tiffany Humble  
 2~ Kenny Bakum  
 ~ Miley Knutson  
 ~ Kayla Volkman  
 ~ Kelsie Woxland  
 3~ Darlys Storhoff  
 ~ Ethan Rislov  
 4~ Sylvia Markegard  
 ~ Douglas Lind  
 ~ Rick Sjarpe  
 ~ Shelly Stensgard  
 5~ Scott Bestul  
 ~ Derek Grimsrud  
 ~ William Maschka  
 6~ Kaye Eiken  
 ~ Ann Dolalie  
 ~ Andrew Larson  
 9~ Tim Dahl  
 ~ Seth Humble  
 10~ Rebecca Lind  
 11~ Randy Humble  
 12~ Thora Lombard

13~ Phil Dybing  
 ~ Crystal Soppa  
 ~ Ashlee Pontillo  
 ~ Cody Ryan  
 ~ Mason Wolfs  
 17~ Jerry Dahl  
 ~ Dana DeGeorge  
 19~ Trina Overland  
 ~ Adam Daniels  
 ~ James McHan  
 ~ Sarah Wangen  
 ~ Katie Hackbarth  
 ~ Daryn Eisner  
 ~ Grant DeGeorge  
 20~ Melanie Przybylski  
 ~ Kyle Lawstuen  
 21~ Eric Howe  
 22~ Kenneth Sjarpe  
 ~ Peyton Hoiness  
 ~ Caden Johnson  
 23~ Lorraine Fann  
 ~ Adam Overland  
 ~ Danielle Kingsley  
 24~ Taylor Ask  
 25~ Dan Book  
 26~ Doris Westby  
 ~ Rebecca Lawstuen  
 ~ Katrina James  
 27~ Jennifer DeGeorge  
 ~ Emarie Jacobson

28~ Kasey Nelson  
 ~ Sandy Thomas  
 ~ Elvin Paulson  
 ~ Aric Stensgard  
 ~ Kainen Klug  
 29~ Curtis Gudmundson  
 ~ Bonnie Wangen  
 30~ Benjamin Ryan  
 ~ Lauren Volkman



6~ David & Cindy Howe  
 ~ Corey & Nicole Waxland  
 23~ John & Christine Knutson  
 24~ Jeff Boland & Gretchen Engstrom  
 26~ Michael & Jill Halverson  
 27~ Gary & Nancy Rustad

# NOVEMBER

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[highlandprairielutheranchurch.org](http://highlandprairielutheranchurch.org)

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
1 Thank Offering @ EL HP- 9:00 a.m. SS- 10:00 a.m. EL- 11:00 a.m. 1st Communion Class	2	3	4 HP-Tabitha circle 12:30 @ Burdey's Confirmation @ 6:30 p.m. ~ HP Bulletin Deadline	5	6	7
8 Thank Offering @ HPHP- 9:00 a.m. SS- 10:00 a.m. EL- 11:00 a.m. EL council mtg. 5:30 p.m. @ EL Parish mtg. 7:00 p.m. @ EL HP mtg. after parish @ Elstad	9	10	11 Confirmation @ 6:30 p.m. ~ HP Bulletin Deadline	12	13	14
15 Parish Sunday school @ HP 10:00 p.m. Parish Worship @ HP 11:00 a.m. With a "Pot Luck"	16	17	18 Confirmation @ 6:30 p.m. ~ HP Bulletin Deadline	19 Newsletter Deadline	20	21
22 HP- 9:00 a.m. SS- 10:00 a.m. EL- 11:00 a.m.	23	24	25 Thanksgiving Eve Service @ Elstad 7:00 p.m.	26	27	28
29 HP- 9:00 a.m. SS- 10:00 a.m. EL- 11:00 a.m. Cantata @ EL 5:00 p.m.	30					

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## *November 2015*

### *Newsletter*

#### HIGHLAND PRAIRIE ACOLYTES/READERS/GREETERS

##### SUNDAY, NOVEMBER 1, 2015

ACOLYTES: JENS LIND, TRENTEN CHIGLO  
READERS: JENS LIND, SHARON EHLER  
GREETERS: DOUG LIND FAMILY

##### SUNDAY, NOVEMBER 8, 2015

ACOLYTES: TRENTEN CHIGLO, BRADY STENSGARD  
READERS: TRENTEN CHIGLO, BECKY LIND  
GREETERS: SHARON & PAUL EHLER

##### SUNDAY, NOVEMBER 15, 2015

ACOLYTES: BRADY STENSGARD, PAULA HOWE  
READERS: BRADY STENSGARD, NORMA HALVERSON  
GREETERS: ROGER & SARAH BEARBOWER

##### SUNDAY, NOVEMBER 22, 2015

ACOLYTES: PAULA HOWE, HANS LIND  
READERS: PAULA HOWE, LYNNETTE PEDERSON  
GREETERS: CHARLES & LYNNETTE PEDERSON

##### SUNDAY, NOVEMBER 29, 2015

ACOLYTES: HANS LIND, JONAH SIEVERS  
READERS: HANS LIND, SCOTT BESTUL  
GREETERS: GORDON & ARLENE JOHNSON

#### ELSTAD ACOLYTE/READER/USHERS

##### SUNDAY, NOVEMBER 1, 2015

ACOLYTE: ALISON FREESE  
READERS: ALISON FREESE, VICKY TOPNESS

##### SUNDAY, NOVEMBER 8, 2015

READER: LORI BAKKE

##### SUNDAY, NOVEMBER 15, 2015

READER: CAROL OVERLAND

##### SUNDAY, NOVEMBER 22, 2015

READER: GLEE CLAUSSEN

##### WEDNESDAY, NOVEMBER 25, 2015 (THANKSGIVING)

READER: LOOKING FOR A READER.....

##### SUNDAY, NOVEMBER 29, 2015

ACOLYTE: WILSON STORHOFF  
READERS: WILSON STORHOFF, JOHN ABRAHAMSON

##### USHERS:

JOHN OVERLAND, JOHN ABRAHAMSON,  
LARRY TOPNESS, JOHN REIN, ROBERT NELSON,  
DAVID WATSON