

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

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February Worship Schedule

Sunday, February 4, 2024
Fifth Sunday after Epiphany
Elstad's Annual Meeting

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

Isaiah 40:21-31
Psalm 147:1-11, 20c
1 Corinthians 9:16-23
Mark 1:29-39

Sunday, February 11, 2024
Last Sunday after Epiphany

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

2 Kings 2:1-12
Psalm 50:1-6
2 Corinthians 4:3-6
Mark 9:2-9

Wednesday, February 14, 2024
Ash Wednesday

Highland Prairie—5:00 p.m.
Elstad—7:00 p.m.

Joel 2:1-2, 12-17
Psalm 51:1-17
2 Corinthians 5:20b-6:10
Matthew 6:1-6, 16-21

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Wednesday, February 28, 2024

Lenten Service @ HP—7:00 p.m.

Sunday, February 18, 2024
First Sunday in Lent

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

Genesis 9:8-17
Psalm 25:1-10
1 Peter 3:18-22
Mark 1:9-15

Wednesday, February 21, 2024

Lenten Service @ EL—7:00 p.m.

Sunday, February 25, 2024
Second Sunday in Lent

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

Genesis 17:1-7, 15-16
Psalm 22:23-31
Romans 4:13-25
Mark 8:31-38

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Prayer Corner

Scriptures tell us to pray without ceasing. Let's be known as a praying congregation. Please keep Sharon Ehler, Emily Charlebois, Scott Bestul, Julian Highum, Mark Johnson, and all others who are ill or in need of our prayers.

February Council Meetings

Elstad Annual Meeting—Sunday, February 4, 2024
after worship service with a potluck after the meeting.

Highland Prairie council meeting—Sunday, February 11, 2024
5:30 p.m. at Highland Prairie

Elstad News

The report for the 2023 Lutheran World Relief quilts and kits has been tabulated and sent to the congregations for their information.

In the year of 2023 there were 551,700 quilts and kits sent to 14 different countries. This includes 194,983 quilts, 190, 043 school kits, 123,920 personal care kits, 35,490 baby care kits and 7,264 fabric kits. Lutheran World Relief greatly appreciated the many hours of work necessary as well as the generosity given for this huge task. They say thank you for your help in this great ministry.

Elstad WELCA—

Work is under way in preparing a new informational booklet for the Elstad WELCA. It has been several years since the last printed program and this means time for an update. Our WELCA is hoping for another successful year as we join the whole church in transition. Look forward to a few exciting things being planned. First item of the new year is the return of the all church birthday party. This party is for anyone that has ever had a birthday. Special things are being planned for this day, Sunday, March 10th after the 9:00 a.m. worship service. Theme for the party is The Teddy Bear Picnic and everyone is invited to bring a favorite teddy bear or other stuffed animal to church and the party. A potluck noon meal will follow the party with beverages and cupcakes being provided. Special events are being planned which you might want to have a camera with you to capture a new memory. It may be too cold for a hayride or other outdoor activities but it is never too cold for a morning of church fun and fellowship. Be sure to mark your calendars for this date.

Highland Prairie Financials for December 2023

YTD Income	\$ 93,702
YTD Expenses	\$ 94,346
Expenses Exceed Income	\$ 644
YTD Budget	\$ 107,000
YTD Income	\$ 93,702
YTD Under	\$ 13,298

Elstad-Highland Prairie Lutheran Church Joint Council Meeting

January 21, 2024

The meeting was called to order at 12:00 p.m. by President Kyle Chiglo.

Council Members Amber Arends, Chris Nelson, Jennifer Nepstad, Krissy Overland, Aimee Rodgers, Gene Topness, Robert Anfinson, Karen Bakken, Kyle Chiglo, Sharon Ehler, Mary Gudmundson, Steve Howe, and Val Howe, Mike Pepin were present. David Markegard, Lyle Meldahl and Kathy Abrahamson were absent.

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

Devotions were given by Robert Anfinson

Pastor Jackie Short was present to observe.

Pastor's Report – Pastor Pete Ruess, Interim was absent.

Youth Report – Amber Arends talked with Pastor Nissa of Chatfield and Root Prairie regarding New Orleans Youth Gathering for July 16-20 students ending 8th – 12th grade are eligible. \$1500.00/person

Correspondence - None

Old Business: Parsonage Executive meeting was held and items will be addressed including smoke detectors, shades, new locks, and clean out softener. Pastor Jackie Short has moved in. Amber Arends moved to install one keypad lock on front door. Chris Nelson seconded. Motion carried.

New Business:

2024 Worship Schedule was reviewed. Val Howe moved to accept as presented, Gene Topness seconded. Motion carried

2024 Council Meeting schedule was reviewed. Val Howe moved to accept as presented, Sharon Ehler seconded. Motion carried.

Secretary's 2024 salary was discussed. Motion to keep the salary at the current rate of \$773.00 per month was made by Val Howe, Sharon Ehler seconded. Further discussion was had in regards to an annual review. Pastor Jackie suggested to do the reviews for all staff. Motion amended by Val Howe to keep the salary at the current rate, while the Pastor will do a job review at 3-months, 6-months, one year and annually thereafter. Sharon Ehler seconded. Motion carried.

The Secretary's report was read and a motion to approve as read was made by Val Howe, Amber Arends seconded. Motion carried.

A motion to adjourn with the Lord's Prayer was made at 1:00 p.m. by Val Howe, Mike Pepin seconded. Motion carried.

Next joint meeting will be at 6:30 pm on March 10, 2024 at Elstad.

Highland Prairie Lutheran Church Council Meeting

January 21, 2024

The meeting was called to order at 1:05 p.m. by President Kyle Chiglo.

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

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

No congregation members present. Pastor Jackie Short was present to observe.

The Treasurer's Report was given by Karen Bakken. The year-to-date information provided was income of \$93,702.00 expenses \$94,346.00; expenses exceed income by \$644.00. A motion to approve as presented was made by Val Howe, Mary Gudmundson seconded. Motion carried.

President's Report given by Kyle Chiglo.

Pastor's Report: Pastor Pete Reuss, Interim was absent.

Correspondence: None

Committee Reports: Grounds Committee: clean-up for spring discussed. Val moved to set Saturday, May 18th 9:00 a.m. for clean-up. Mike Pepin seconded. Motion carried.

Youth & Education Committee will contact students regarding the Youth Gathering July 16-20 in New Orleans.

Old Business: None

New Business: 2024 Proposed Budget review and discussion of Val Howe moved to accept the proposed budget of \$110,500.00. Sharon Ehler seconded. Motion carried.

2024 Salaries were discussed. Val Howe moved that the Organists and Treasurer salaries remain as is. Custodian wage will be readdressed at a later date after Pastor Jackie Short does a job description and performance review. Seconded by Sharon Ehler. Motion carried.

2024 Annual Meeting will be held January 28, 2024 following worship with a hot sandwich provided by WELCA, potluck of snacks, etc. from attendees.

2024 Ballot – Two – three-year term positions are open this year.

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 2:59 p.m. was made by Mike Pepin, Val Howe seconded. Motion carried.

Respectfully submitted, Mary Gudmundson

Next Meeting is February 11th at 5:30 p.m.

Elstad Lutheran Church Meeting Minutes

Sunday January 21st 2024

Highland Prairie Lutheran Church

The meeting was called to order by President Gene Topness at 1:04pm.

Roll call: Kathy Abrahamson missing. A Quorum was called.

The agenda was reviewed. A motion to approve the revised agenda was made by Christopher Nelson second by Krissy Overland. Motion passed.

There are no congressional members present to address the council. However, Pastor Jackie Short is present.

No Pastor's report at this time

The treasurer's report was reviewed and audited. Krissy made a motion to approve the treasures report and Amber Arends second. Motion passed.

No President's report at this time

Youth: Krissy Overland made a motion to fund up to \$1,000 per individual as needed from the Maglesson Youth Fund for the 2024 New Orleans ELCA Youth Gathering, second by Gene Topness. Motion carried.

Correspondence received: none

Old Business:

- Church Repairs - the storage room at the front of the church still needs to be cleaned out. The ceiling and the roof still need tending to. The pastor's parking sign needs to be replaced.

New Business

- 2024 proposed budget was reviewed by the council and estimates were made for 2024. Amber Arends made a motion to approve the proposed budget and Krissy Overland Second. Motion passed.
- 2024 Salaries were reviewed.
- Krissy Overland made a motion to approve all 2024 salaries and Amber Arends second. Motion carried.
- 2024 Annual Meeting Schedule - reviewed
- 2024 Ballot - Krissy Overland presented the nominees for the ballot.
- Special Thank You to Christopher Nelson for donating his time to plow snow for the church!

2024 Goals:

- Keep young families in attendance
- Getting the children more involved with acolyting, bell ringing, and other services

Secretary's report was given. Motion was given by Krissy Overland to approve the secretary's report and second by Christopher Nelson. Motion passed.

Motion was made by Krissy Overland to adjourn, second by Christopher Nelson. The meeting was adjourned at 2:26pm.

Secretary's report submitted by Aimee Rodger

FEBRUARY 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!

1~ Ellen Highum
~ Glenn Thomas
~ Noah Carlson
~ Brady Stensgard
2~ Jeff Mueller
~ Avery Rodger
~ Briella Rodger
3~ Trent Eide
~ Sylvi Olson
4~ Megan Fox
~ Kaylee Peterson
~ Nancy Rustad
6~ John Stadtmueller
7~ Murton Boyum
~ Andy Ask
~ Delane Horning
9~ Allan Skalet
~ Robert Knutson
~ Andrew Howe
~ Courtney Dahl
~ Cooper Hovland
10~ Patty Olson
13~ David Markegard
14~ Val Gudmundson
~ Kristen Peterson
~ Soren Eisner

15~ Michael Halverson
~ Emily Johnson
~ Michael Rein
16~ Jennifer Yontz
17~ Rylee Nelson
18~ Ava Paulson
20~ Gerald Hallum
~ Michael Evenson Jr.
21~ Truman Dahl
~ Wayne Finnegan
~ Sandra Kenny
~ Erik James
~ Ryan Maschka
22~ Brandon Sjarpe
~ Tye Anderson
~ Kenna Gudmundson
~ Lilah Bakke
23~ Ann Meldahl
~ Linda Hundorf
24~ Stephanie Evenson
25~ Richard Gullickson
~ Michelle James
27~ Dorothy Evenson

Happy Anniversary!

9~ Lyle & Ann Meldahl
16~ Randy & Kari Drinkall
18~ Daryl & Michele Thompson

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Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
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4 HP—9:00 a.m. EL—10:30 a.m. Elstad's Annual Meeting	5	6	7 HP WELCA Quilting & projects 9:00 a.m. Confirmation 6:30 p.m. @ EL Bulletin Deadline	8	9	10
11 EL—9:00 a.m. HP—10:30 a.m. Cemetery annual mtg. After worship Highland Prairie council meeting 5:30 p.m.	12	13	14 Ash Wednesday 5:00 p.m.—HP 7:00 p.m.— EL Bulletin Deadline	15	16	17
18 EL—9:00 a.m. HP—10:30 a.m.	19 Newsletter Deadline	20	21 Lenten Service @ Elstad 6:00 p.m.—Soup Supper 7:00 p.m.—Worship	22	23	24
25 EL—9:00 a.m. HP—10:30 a.m.	26	27	28 Lenten Service @ Highland Prairie 6:00 p.m.—Soup Supper 7:00 p.m.—Worship Bulletin Deadline	29		

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HIGHLAND PRAIRIE
ACOLYTES/READERS/GREETERS

SUNDAY, FEBRUARY 4, 2024

ACOLYTES: COLTON HORNING, TAHVEN PEPIN
READERS: COLTON HORNING, SHARON EHLER
GREETER: SHARON EHLER

SUNDAY, FEBRUARY 11, 2024

ACOLYTES: TAHVEN PEPIN, BRODY GELLERSON
READERS: TAHVEN PEPIN, MARY GUDMUNDSON
GREETER: VAL HOWE

ASH WEDNESDAY, FEBRUARY 14, 2024

ACOLYTES: BRODY GELLERSON, MATHEW GUDMUNDSON
READERS: BRODY GELLERSON
GREETERS:

SUNDAY, FEBRUARY 18, 2024

ACOLYTES: MATHEW GUDMUNDSON, HUNTER LEE
READERS: MATHEW GUDMUNDSON
GREETER:

SUNDAY, FEBRUARY 25, 2024

ACOLYTES: HUNTER LEE, BENJAMIN RYAN
READERS: HUNTER LEE
GREETERS:

LENTEN SERVICE WEDNESDAY, FEBRUARY 28, 2024

ELSTAD
ACOLYTES/READERS/USHERS

SUNDAY, FEBRUARY 4, 2024

ACOLYTE:
READER: LORI BAKKE
GREETER: SHELLY NELSON

SUNDAY, FEBRUARY 11, 2024

ACOLYTE:
READER: GENE TOPNESS
GREETER: TOM & CAROLYN SMITH

ASH WEDNESDAY, FEBRUARY 14, 2024

ACOLYTE:
READER:
GREETERS:

SUNDAY, FEBRUARY 18, 2024

ACOLYTE:
READER: MARCIA RANDALL
GREETERS:

LENTEN SERVICE WEDNESDAY, FEBRUARY 21, 2024

SUNDAY, FEBRUARY 25, 2024

ACOLYTE:
READER: CAROL OVERLAND
GREETERS:

USHERS: GENE & VICKY TOPNESS