

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

~ January 2024 ~

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January Worship Schedule

Note Time Change

Sunday, January 7, 2024
Baptism of Our Lord

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

Genesis 1:1-5
 Psalm 29
 Acts 19:1-7
 Mark 1:4-11

Sunday, January 14, 2024
Second Sunday after Epiphany

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

1 Sam 3:1-10 [11-20]
 Psalm 139:1-6, 13-18
 1 Corinthians 6:12-20
 John 1:43-51

Sunday, January 21, 2024
Third Sunday after Epiphany

Note the Time Swap

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

Jonah 3:1-5, 10
 Psalm 62:5-12
 1 Corinthians 7:29-31
 Mark 1:14-20

Sunday, January 28, 2024
Forth Sunday after Epiphany

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

Deuteronomy 18:15-20
 Psalm 111
 1 Corinthians 8:1-13
 Mark 1:21-28

Prayer Corner

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

People of Elstad...Save the Date

Save the date of March 10, 2024. The occasion being a return of the Elstad all church Birthday Party. Theme of the day is The Teddy Bears Picnic with a very special guest and very special music. Every person is invited to bring their favorite Teddy Bear to both church and the party after the worship service. Again, put it on your calendar right away and Save the Date.

January Council Meetings, Sunday, January 14, 2024 at Highland Prairie Lutheran Church—Parish at noon followed by individual council meetings.

Annual Meetings:

Elstad—Sunday, January 21, 2024
 Highland Prairie—Sunday, January 28, 2024

Highland Prairie Financials for November 2023

YTD Income	\$ 74,016
YTD Expenses	\$ 87,816
Expenses Exceed Income	\$ 13,800
YTD Budget	\$ 98,087
YTD Income	\$ 74,016
YTD Under	\$ 24,071

Elstad Financials for November 2023

Elstad budget for November	\$ 7454.83
Received for November	\$ 6216.00
Under for November	\$ 1761.17
Elstad Budget YTD	\$ 82003.13
Received YTD	\$ 55925.83
Under YTD	\$ 26080.30

Pastor's Article

A New Year

As I look back on the over the decades of my life, I'm struck by how some years stand out more than others.

Some years feel etched into my memory. I knew as I entered them that momentous things would happen.

1989 – Graduating from high school

1993 – Graduating from college and getting married to Shannon

1997 – Graduating from seminary and starting at my first congregation

1998 – My son Ben born

2017 – Getting married to Danielle

Some years took me by surprise. I had no idea coming into them that anything of great importance would happen.

2003 - Moving from my first church in Illinois to serve Peace Lutheran in Eyota

2004 – Shannon being diagnosed with ovarian cancer

2015 – Shannon going on hospice and passing away

Many other years simply fade into memory. They were good, yet nothing significant stands out.

I didn't walk through any of those years alone. God led me, step by step, through years of great consequence and years of simplicity. Some years I desperately needed God's comfort and hope. Other years I experienced God's presence in small ways.

Highland Prairie and Elstad have rich histories. Some years stand out: forming the congregations in 1854, the fire at Highland Prairie, the calling of pastors.

2022 stands out as the year Pastor Luther retired. It brought a time of transition.

Now 2024 stands ready as a year to remember. On December 17th you voted to call a new pastor. This will be a year of welcoming her into your community and together discerning God's call for your future. And... who knows what surprises God may have in mind.

God has walked with Highland Prairie and Elstad since 1854. God will continue to walk with you into this new world. I'm excited to hear what God has in mind for you!

Highland Prairie Lutheran Church Council Meeting

December 10, 2023

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

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

A quorum was determined, and a motion to approve the agenda as presented was made by Val 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 \$74,016.00 expenses \$87,816.00; expenses exceed income by \$13,800.00. A motion to approve as presented was made by Val Howe, Mary Gudmundson seconded. Motion carried.

President's Report given by Kyle Chiglo noted that he will be assisting with Confirmation students.

Pastor's Report was given by Pastor Pete Reuss, Interim, he is visiting homebound and available as needed. He will be unavailable January 21st and a supply Pastor will be here.

Correspondence: None

Committee Reports: None

Old Business: None

New Business: Parsonage Committee Report - A walk through was done with Elstad committee members and only minor updates will be presented at the next Parish meeting in January. Gutter guards were installed.

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

A motion to adjourn with the Lord's Prayer at 12:36 p.m. was made by Mike Pepin, Val Howe seconded. Motion carried.

Respectfully submitted, Mary Gudmundson

Next Meeting is January 14th following worship at Highland Prairie following the Joint Council meeting at Highland Prairie.

JANUARY 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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1~ John Smith
~ Kit Dohlman
4~ Michelle Rein
6~ Bricker Dahl
7~ Angel Bakke
8 ~ Mark Dahl
9~ Nathan Bakke
10~ Philip Dragvold
~ Nancy Rustad
~ Sawyer James
11~ Mollee Johnson
12~ Kay Dahl
13~ Steve Chiglo
~ Joshua Dahl
~ Danielle Sjarpe
~ Tyler Berg
~ Darren Stockton
14~ Michelle Ryan
~ Colton Horning
15~ Carolyn Smith
~ Kasten Klug
16~ Owen Dammen
17~ Jennifer Nepstad
~ Lucas Redalen
~ Ann Hoiland

18~ Barb Lee
~ Brenda Chiglo
~ Peter Stensgard
~ Ann Hoiland
19~ Easton Grabau
23~ Katherine Chiglo
~ Aubree Dybing
~ Brianna Dybing
~ James Bearbower
~ August Mention
24~ Martha Stensgard
~ Debrah Mensink
25~ Ellen Feine
~ Sarah Freese
~ Paula Howe
26~ Arden Nepstad
27~ Michael Oian
~ Dave Lawstuen

15~ Jerry & Julie Dragvold
28~ David & Sue Larson

January 2024

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 Visit our websites at...
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highlandprairielutheranchurch.org

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
	1	2	3 HP WELCA— Bible Study 1:30 p.m. Bulletin Deadline	4	5	6
7 EL—9:00 a.m. HP—10:30 a.m.	8	9	10 HP WELCA Quilting & projects 9:00 a.m. Confirmation 6:30 p.m. @ EL Bulletin Deadline	11	12	13
14 EL—9:00 a.m. HP—10:30 a.m. Parish Council Meetings @ HP church, 12:00 p.m.	15	16	17 Confirmation 6:30 p.m. @ EL Bulletin Deadline	18	19 Newsletter Deadline	20
21 Note Time Swap HP—9:00 a.m. EL—10:30 a.m. EL Annual Meeting after worship	22	23	24 Confirmation 6:30 p.m. @ EL Bulletin Deadline	25	26	27
28 EL—9:00 a.m. HP—10:30 a.m. HP Annual Meeting after worship	29	30	31 Confirmation 6:30 p.m. @ EL Bulletin Deadline			

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ACOLYTES/READERS/GREETERS

SUNDAY, JANUARY 7, 2024

ACOLYTES: BRODY GELLERSEN, MATHEW GUDMUNDSON

READERS: BRODY GELLERSEN

GREETERS:

SUNDAY, JANUARY 14, 2024

ACOLYTES: MATHEW GUDMUNDSON, HUNTER LEE

READERS: MATHEW GUDMUNDSON

GREETERS:

SUNDAY, JANUARY 21, 2024

ACOLYTES: HUNTER LEE, BENJAMIN RYAN

READERS: HUNTER LEE

GREETER: VAL HOWE

SUNDAY, JANUARY 28, 2024

ACOLYTES: BENJAMIN RYAN, COLTON HORNING

READERS: BENJAMIN RYAN

GREETERS:

ELSTAD
ACOLYTES/READERS/USHERS

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