

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

~ January 2016 ~

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Worship Schedule

January 2016

Sunday, January 3rd

9:00 a.m. Elstad

No Sunday school

11:00 a.m. Highland Prairie

Sunday, January 10th

9:00 a.m. Elstad

10:00 a.m. Sunday school

11:00 a.m. Highland Prairie

Sunday, January 17th

9:00 a.m. Highland Prairie

10:00 a.m. Sunday school

11:00 a.m. Elstad

EL- Annual Meeting

Sunday, January 24th

9:00 a.m. Elstad

10:00 a.m. Sunday school

11:00 a.m. Highland Prairie

HP- Annual Meeting

Sunday, January 31st

9:00 a.m. Elstad

10:00 a.m. Sunday School

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, Lila Jameson, Dagny Anderson, Jim Wangen, Jennifer Lee, Marge Abrahamson, Cathy Bakke, Merwood Storhoff, Allene Haugstad, Dick Haight, LeRoy Johnson, DuWayne Klankowski and all who are ill or in need of your prayers.

~Worship Time Change~

Sunday, January 17th

Highland Prairie will worship at 9:00 a.m.

Elstad will worship at 11:00 a.m.

January Council Meetings

January 10th at Elstad – Highland Prairie will meet at 5:30 p.m. Parish council at 7:00 with Elstad meeting after.

(This is to get everything on track for the new year)

January 17th - Elstad Annual Meeting after worship

January 24th - Highland Prairie Annual Meeting after worship

Elstad Church Council has openings for a President (1 year term) Vice President (1 yr. term) and a Council Trustee (3 yr. term), plus a new Board of Education member (3 yr. term) for 2016. Please contact Pastor Marie or a current council member if you're interested in serving.

Highland Prairie Church Council has openings for a Council Secretary (1 yr. term), two trustee positions, an Auditor and a position on the Education Board. Please contact a current council member or Pastor Marie if you are interested in serving.

"Call Committee"

We are currently looking for people who are willing to serve on the "Call Committee" if you are interested please contact Pastor Marie.

Straw Poll 12-13-2015
Elstad & Highland Prairie Results

1) Easter Sunday

Sunrise service @ 7 a.m. at one church----Festival service @ 9 a.m. at the other church

2) Summer Worship Schedule

One joint worship service at 10:00 a.m. as in summer of 2015.
(alternating every other Sunday between Elstad and HP)

3) Worship time schedule

Worship times are **8:30 a.m.** and **10:30 a.m.** with Sunday school at **9:30am.**

(New times will begin after Annual Meetings are held)

New Year's Message from Pastor Marie

Christmas ends on January 6 and Epiphany begins with the arrival of the Wiseman and continues until Ash Wednesday. In the season of Epiphany we focus on light; the light returning outdoors and the light of Jesus that shines through us when we serve our neighbor in need and witness to God's love in our world.

Arise, shine; for your light has come, and the glory of the LORD has risen upon you. Isaiah 60:1

May your Epiphany and the whole new year be especial bright and shiny.

Shalom Pastor Marie



The proceeds from the December 6th benefit for the Lee family totaled \$8260. Thank you from Highland Prairie WELCA to everyone who donated and participated for your generosity in making this fundraiser a success!

We continue to pray for Jennifer as she undergoes treatment for leukemia.

NOTICE: If you wish to read "The Bridge" this month please refer to the website for the online version or there will be a few copies in the back of sanctuary. This was done to conserve paper. ~ Thank you!

Highland Prairie Financials for November 2015

YTD Income	\$ 81,809*	YTD Budget	\$ 82, 042
YTD Expenses	\$ 68,743	YTD Income	\$ 81,809
Income exc. Expenses	\$ 13,066	YTD Under	\$ 233

*Includes sale of logs for \$7,500

ELSTAD WELCA OCTOBER MINUTES

Elstad WELCA met Sunday October 4, 2015.

President Carol Overland called our meeting to order in the name of the Father, Son and Holy Spirit. We read our purpose of statement.

The secretary and treasurer's reports were read and accepted.

Correspondence was read.

The Sunshine Committee reported sending cards to Deb Topness, Steve Storhoff, Merwood Storhoff, Carol Eggert, Elaine Holm and Cathy Bakke.

Old Business:

The Rhubarb Fest and the music fest were both successful.

New Business:

The Thankofferg service will be November 1st. The decorating committee will take care of the decorations. We are to bring kits, soap and other items to be donated to Lutheran World Relief.

The Leah circle will be in charge of special music for September, October, November and December.

The nominating committee reported on officers for the new year:

President – Dorothy Evenson and Vicky Topness

Vice President – Diane Haight

Secretary – Marilyn Soland

Treasurer – Darlys Storhoff.

The serving committees will remain the same.

Glee Clausen made a motion to accept the slate of officers, seconded by Sharon Knutson. Motion carried.

Carolyn Smith and Rita Kelly were our servers.

Our Christmas Tea will be December 6th at 10:00 after worship. Please bring your own tea cups. Carol will mail instructions on how we are to reveal our prayer partners. The Leah circle will present the program.

Carol thanked Glee and Elaine for the yarn. We also received money from Thrivent for yarn.

The meeting was adjourned.

The Elizabeth circle presented the program on Building Bridges. We need to learn how to color as God colors. We closed with praying the Lords Prayer.

Respectfully submitted,

Marilyn Soland, Secretary

Welcoming New Team Members

By Bishop Steven Delzer

We give thanks to God for identifying two uniquely gifted leaders who have joined the staff of the Office of the Bishop in recent months.

Rev. Susan Miller is now serving as Assistant to the Bishop – Call Process. She has served for 17 years in congregations as a pastor and interim pastor, and for 12 years in synod offices in New Jersey and Saint Paul as an Assistant to the Bishop. Rev. Miller has learned that spiritually grounded leadership is essential for the renewal of the church and of the local congregation. Rev. Miller works with leaders to identify, develop and refine their unique gifts for mission and ministry. She also works with congregations who find themselves in a season of conflict to bring healing and renewal.

Mary Kay DuChene is now serving as Assistant to the Bishop – Faith Formation/Candidacy/Leadership. She is committed to developing leadership excellence, especially in the church setting. Her passion of helping people identify and embrace their authentic leadership gifts, in combination with her experience in corporate leadership and coaching, enables her to help pastors and other church leaders become more successful and satisfied leaders. Learning is a lifelong value for Ms. DuChene.

Please warmly welcome Rev. Susan Miller and Mary Kay DuChene, and hold both of them together with all the members of the staff of the Office of the Bishop in your prayers.

Office of the Bishop Staff

Bishop Steven Delzer

Bishop of the Southeastern Minnesota Synod

Kathy Bolin

Director for Global Mission-Companion Synods

Cheryse Brenno-Sloan

Executive Financial and Call Process Administrator

Rev. Emily Carson

Director of Communication

Mary Kay DuChene

Assistant to the Bishop – Faith Formation/Candidacy/Leadership

Gwen Larson

Office Administrator

Kari MacIver

Executive Administrator – Candidacy and First Call Support

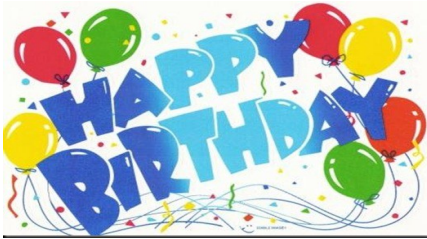
Rev. Susan Miller

Assistant to the Bishop – Call Process

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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Happy Birthday!



1~ Darrellyn Barrett
2~ John Smith
4~ Michelle Rein
6~ Sandy Kiel
7~ Angel Bakke
8~ Mark Dahl
9~ Nathan Bakke
10~ Philip Dragvold
~ Nancy Rustad
~ Sawyer James
12~ Kay Dahl
13~ Steve Chiglo
~ Joshua Dahl
~ Daniel Sjarpe
~ Tyler Berg
~ Darren Stockton
14~ Michelle Ryan
~ Colton Horning
15~ Carolyn Smith
~ Kasten Klug
16~ Irving Abrahamson
~ David Bakke
~ Owen Dammen

17~ Jennifer Nepstad
~ Stacy Mensink
~ Shane Jacobson
~ Lucas Redalen
18~ Barb Lee
~ Brenda Chiglo
~ Peter Stensgard
~ Ann Hoiland
19~ Robert Lawstuen
21~ Courtney Nelson
23~ Katherine Chiglo
~ James Bearbower
~ August Mention
24~ Martha Stensgard
~ Deborah Mensink
25~ Ellen Feine
~ Sarah Freese
~ Paula Howe
27~ Eleanor Peterson
~ Michael Oian
~ Dave Lawstuen
29~ Freda Kiel

7~ Dan & Erika Lind
15~ Jerry & Julie Dragvold
28~ David & Sue Larson

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Visit our websites at...

elstadlutheranchurch.org

highlandprairielutheranchurch.org

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
					¹ <i>Happy New Year!</i>	²
3 EL-9:00 a.m. SS- 10:00 a.m. HP- 11:00 a.m.	4	5	6 Confirmation 6:30 @ Elstad Bulletin Deadline	7	8	9
10 EL-9:00 a.m. SS- 10:00 a.m. HP - 11:00 a.m. Council Mtg. @ Elstad 5:30-HP 7:00-Parish EL- following parish meeting Baptism @ EL	11	12	13 Confirmation 6:30 @ Elstad Bulletin Deadline	14	15	16
17 HP-9:00 a.m. SS-10:00 a.m. EL-11:00 a.m. Elstad Annual Meeting after worship	18	19 Newsletter Deadline	20 Confirmation 6:30 @ Elstad Bulletin Deadline	21	22	23
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HIGHLAND PRAIRIE

ACOLYTES/READERS/GREETERS

SUNDAY, JANUARY 3, 2016

ACOLYTES: PAULA HOWE, HANS LIND
READERS: PAULA HOWE, SHARON EHLER
GREETERS: GORDON & ARLENE JOHNSON

SUNDAY, JANUARY 10, 2016

ACOLYTES: HANS LIND, JONAH SIEVERS
READERS: HANS LIND, SCOTT BESTUL
GREETERS: LYLE & ANN MELDAHL

SUNDAY, JANUARY 17, 2016

ACOLYTES: JONAH SIEVERS, HALE STENSGARD
READERS: JONAH SIEVERS, ARLENE JOHNSON
GREETERS: SHARON & PAUL EHLER

SUNDAY, JANUARY 24, 2016

ACOLYTES: HALE STENSGARD, JENS LIND
READERS: HALE STENSGARD, DAVID LARSON
GREETERS: DOUG LIND FAMILY

SUNDAY, JANUARY 31, 2016

ACOLYTES: JENS LIND, TRENTEN CHIGLO
READERS: JENS LIND, BECKY LIND
GREETERS: ROGER & SARAH BEARBOWER

ELSTAD

ACOLYTE/READER/USHERS

SUNDAY, JANUARY 3, 2016

READER: CAROL OVERLAND

SUNDAY, JANUARY 10, 2016

READER: GENE TOPNESS

SUNDAY, JANUARY 17, 2016

ACOLYTE: WILSON STORHOFF
READERS: WILSON STORHOFF, JOHN ABRAHAMSON

SUNDAY, JANUARY 24, 2016

READER: TOM DYBING

WEDNESDAY, JANUARY 31, 2016

READER: PETER HOLM

USHERS: