

# OCTOBER

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## October Office Hours

**Pastor Jackie will typically be in the office on Wednesdays 8 - 4 p.m.**  
**Lisa will be in the office on Wednesdays from 5 - 6 p.m.**  
**Please feel free to call or email to set up a time to connect.**

### **We Are Better Together**

WE HAD AN AWESOME SUMMER WORSHIPPING IN THE BOWL! THANK YOU TO EVERYONE WHO HELPED MAKE IT HAPPEN! THANK YOU FOR SUPPORTING THE MINISTRY GROUPS WHO SERVED THE MEALS EACH MONTH ALL THE MONEY COLLECTED IS USED TO KEEP THE MINISTRY'S OF OUR CONGREGATIONS FUNDED.



Thank you for signing up to deliver meals this past month! Your kindness & care is a blessing to others.

Thank you to everyone who has had a hand in getting the Sunday School rooms ready at Highland Prairie!!  
Cleaning, stripping Wallpaper, prepping, painting & praying!

TO ALL WHO HAVE BEEN GATHERING THE SUPPLIES AND PUTTING TOGETHER THE LUTHERAN WORLD RELIEF CARE KITS TOGETHER...

# THANK YOU!!!

## Ministry Focus

**Together** we make a **HUGE** difference. In an effort to help our parish put our words into action, each month we will be collecting items for our local organizations . Each month we will focus on a different area of need.

**October**

will be ...

**Cleaning Supplies**



Place your items in the basket at church marked Ministry of the Month. If you are able to help with delivering the items please let Pr. Jackie know.



# a note from the pastor

## Greetings

As we step into the beautiful month of October, we have a front row seat to witness the vibrant transformation of the world around us. The colors of fall remind us of the constant change that is a natural part of life. The leaves, once green, turn to brilliant shades of red, orange, and gold before gently falling to the ground, preparing for a new season ahead.

As we enter the month of October, the changing season gives us a moment to reflect on the many blessings that God has given us. The harvest is a reminder of God's abundant provision—His faithfulness in meeting our needs. It is during this time that we are also reminded of our responsibility to be good stewards of all He has entrusted to us.

The Bible speaks often about stewardship. In Matthew 25:14-30, Jesus shares the parable of the talents, teaching us the importance of using our God-given resources wisely. Stewardship isn't simply about giving; it's about how we manage everything God has placed in our care—our time, talents, treasures, and even the earth itself.

Often when we hear the word "stewardship," we think of finances, and while managing our financial resources is important, stewardship encompasses every aspect of our lives. God has given each of us gifts—whether that be talents for serving, time to invest in others, or financial resources to support His work—and He calls us to use these gifts for His glory and the good of others.

1 Peter 4:10 reminds us, "Each of you should use whatever gift you have received to serve others, as faithful stewards of God's grace in its various forms." We are not owners of what we have; we are merely caretakers. Everything we possess is a gift from God, and He asks us to manage these gifts well for His kingdom.


As we reflect on stewardship this October, I encourage you to consider how God is calling you to use your gifts. Maybe it's by offering more of your time to serve others, by sharing your talents with those in need, or by giving generously to the church and those in your community.

God honors our faithfulness, no matter how big or small the contribution may seem.

In this season of gratitude, may we also be reminded of the joy that comes from giving.

**Acts 20:35** teaches us, "It is more blessed to give than to receive." When we live with open hands, ready to offer back to God what He has given us, we experience the fullness of His blessings and the joy of partnering in His work. I encourage you to take time this month to pray and reflect on the ways God has blessed you and how you can faithfully steward those blessings. Whether it's through service, prayer, or financial support, every act of stewardship is an act of worship and gratitude to the One who provides for all our needs. May we be faithful stewards of the gifts we've received, honoring God with everything He's placed in our hands.

In Christ's love, Pastor Jackie



# Together In Faith

## PARISH NEWS

Mark your Calendar & Pack your bags it's time for the Fall Craft & Quilt Frolic!



**October 10-13**  
FREE WILL DONATION  
POTLUCK  
HIGHLAND PRAIRIE  
ALL ARE WELCOME  
GRAB A FRIEND &  
JOIN THE FUN



**October Council Meetings**  
Sunday, October 13,  
2024  
Highland Prairie  
council will meet  
after worship service



### "Fueled by Faith"

**October 5**

~ \$50 per unit for up to 4 people

Lunch & Snacks provided

Each additional rider add \$5

Meet @ Elstad Lutheran Church @ 10AM

37784 Dogwood Rd. Lanesboro MN

Silent Auction Baskets

30/30/40 Raffle

Pre-register online @<https://forms.gle/Zvdb54jaanPyJL918>

Questions or for more information  
contact:

Gene Topness @ 507-458-1746 or

Pr. Jackie @ 507-517-0769

Email: [pastor.highlandprairie.elstad@gmail.com](mailto:pastor.highlandprairie.elstad@gmail.com)



### Parish Bell Choir

We are starting a Parish Adult Bell Choir  
~ All are welcome ~

No previous music experience needed!

Our first meeting will be on October 6th @

Highland Prairie after worship.

Anyone who would like more information please join us for  
Pancakes & Practice on  
October 6th!



**Elstad Worship @ 9:00 a.m.**  
**Sunday School: during worship**



**Highland Prairie Worship @10:30**  
**Sunday School @ 9:30 a.m.**

# Youth & Family

## TRUNK OR TREAT

October 27  
After Second  
Service @ Highland  
Prairie

Let Pr. Jackie know if you plan  
to decorate your car and  
hand out treats!



## Community Harvest Meal & Celebration

Join the fun at Highland Prairie  
after worship on October 26th!

- ~ Trunk or Treat
- ~ Fun Family Fall Activities
- ~ Hayride
- ~ Market
- ~ Meal

\*\*\* Bring a friend and spend the  
afternoon together at Highland Prairie

# Community Event

## Elstad-Highland Prairie Lutheran Parish

### CARDBOARD BOX CITY

Spend one night in a  
cardboard box to help  
those who sleep many  
nights in a box.

- Join us as at Highland Prairie to spend a night outside in a cardboard box, simulating homelessness to help raise awareness about housing insecurity.
- **How it Works:** Each participant will gather boxes & sponsorships from friends, family, or community members. ALL funds raised will be donated to SEMCAC for the **Homelessness Prevention Home Advocacy & Resource Assistance Homelessness Prevention fund.**

We will gather on **Wednesday October 16th starting at 4pm** at Highland Prairie. We will build our cardboard box homes for the night, have dinner at the "SOUP Kitchen" starting at **6pm**. Spend some time together as a **COMMUNITY** at **7pm** playing games & talking around the campfire at. At **8pm** the RLC Youth Praise team will be sharing their musical talents with us!  
Invite a friend because ALL are WELCOME !!!  
This is a **COMMUNITY** event!!

Contact Pr. Jackie Short to sign up or for more information.  
[pastor.highlandprairie.elstad@gmail.com](mailto:pastor.highlandprairie.elstad@gmail.com) or 507 -517-0769

# Monthly Movie & Bible Study

7-12 grade



**3RD SUNDAY  
OF THE MONTH  
@ 6PM IN THE  
YOUTH ROOM @ HP**



October 20th  
Harry Potter  
& the  
Prisoner of  
Azkaban



November 17th  
Remember  
the  
TITANS



December 15th  
**elf** **ELF**

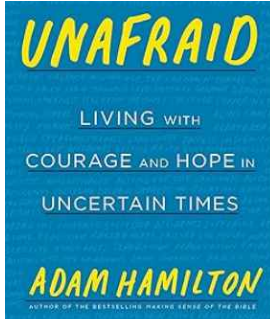
6-6:30  
snacks & chat

## **Adult Book Study** Starts on October 24th at Highland Prairie

6:30-7:30  
Book Study

Meet @  
Highland Prairie  
3rd Thursday of  
the  
month

**November 19**  
**December 21**



Face our fears with a bias of hope  
Examine our fears in light of the facts  
Attack our anxieties with action  
Release our cares to God

Meet @  
Elstad  
1st Thursday of  
the  
month

**November 5**  
**December 7**



# Sunday School

## HP BOARD OF EDUCATION IS

WE ARE EXCITED THAT SUNDAY SCHOOL WILL STARTING SUNDAY OCT. 6TH AT 9:30AM. WE HAVE BEEN BUSY CLEANING OUT SUNDAY SCHOOL ROOMS AND REORGANIZING AND PAINTING ROOMS. GOD BLESS EVERYONE WHO HAS BEEN HELPING TO GET SUNDAY SCHOOL UP AND RUNNING. YOU MAY HAVE NOTICE WE HAVE CHILDREN CENTER IN IN THE CHURCH NARTHEX AND FELLOWSHIP HALL TO LEARN OF JESUS LOVE.

WE WILL BE USING THE SPARK CURRICULUM FOR SUNDAY SCHOOL LESSONS. CHELLSEY LIND AND TRACY TWETEN-LIND WILL BE TEACHING PRESCHOOL THROUGH FIRST GRADE (**BLUE ROOM**).

VAL HOWE AND ARLENE JOHNSON WILL BE TEACHING SECOND THROUGH FOURTH GRADE (**GREEN ROOM**).

ANDREA PEPIN AND EMILY REIMEN WILL BE TEACHING FIFTH THROUGH SIXTH GRADE (**NAVY, ORANGE ROOM**).

KYLE CHIGLO WILL BE TEACHING 7TH THROUGH 12TH GRADE (UPSTAIRS YOUTH ROOM).

SUNDAY SCHOOL VOLUNTEERS ARE STEPH DAHL, AMY JACOBSON AND ZOWIE SHORT.LOVE, SUPPORT AND PRAY FOR OUR AWESOME KIDS AND YOUNG ADULTS.

Highland Prairie

ELSTAD

We are back to weekly Sunday school classes at Elstad! It has been fun to gather with our old friends and we have welcomed some new faces, too. We are using the Spark Lectionary series to learn about Jesus. We are learning to love and trust Jesus, build our faith, and serve others as a way to share God's love. We continue to meet during the worship service at Elstad Lutheran Church at 9:00. Jesus loves the children. All are Welcome! If you would like to assist in leading a Sunday school lesson, please reach out to **Pastor Jackie** @507-517-7069 or **Michelle Rein** @ 507-458-2890.

# CONFIRMATION



We will kick off our Confirmation year at Highland Prairie on October 2nd with a meal at 6:30  
Class will be from 7-8pm

The purpose of Confirmation is to provide our students with tools that will guide and support them as they continue their Faith Journey and prepare to affirm their Baptismal promises. There are three areas that we focus on, Worship, Education and Service. It is important to attend each class. If you are unable to attend, please let Pastor Jackie (507-517-0769) know so that she can get you the materials to work on our lesson independently.

## SCHEDULE

### OCTOBER

- Oct. 2: Class @ HP
- Oct. 9: Class @ HP
- Oct. 16: Cardboard Box City
- Oct. 23: Service Night
- Oct. 30: Class @ HP

## CARDBOARD BOX CITY

Spend one night in a cardboard box to help those who sleep many nights in a box.

Raising Funds and awareness for housing insecurity in our community.

- Thursday October 17th
- 4pm: Meet @HP
- 5pm: Soup Kitchen Dinner
- 6pm: Hang out
- 7pm: Games & Campfire
- 8pm: Outdoor Worship

\*\*\*This is a COMMUNITY event- INVITE a friend!



## Our Purpose

As a community of women created in the image of God, called to discipleship in Jesus Christ, and empowered by the Holy Spirit, we commit ourselves to grow in faith, affirm our gifts, support one another in our callings, engage in ministry and action, and promote healing and wholeness in the church, the society, and the world.

WELCA EMBRACES ALL KINDS OF MINISTRIES THAT SUPPORT OUR MISSION OF MOBILIZING WOMEN TO ACT BOLDLY ON THEIR FAITH IN JESUS CHRIST.

Our Mission  
Mobilizing women to act boldly on their faith in Jesus Christ.

## WELCA

### Women of the ELCA.

Our organization includes Lutheran women who gather in more than 4,500 locations in the U.S. and the Caribbean, for service, study, advocacy, fellowship and more!

For more information on how you can get involved contact  
Elstad: Ruth Abrahamson  
HP: Cathy Bakkum or  
Mary Gudmundson

## THE "CHURCH WOMEN" WANT TO THANK THE "CHURCH MEN" & EVERYONE FOR ALL OF THEIR SUPPORT!

BECAUSE OF THAT SUPPORT WELCA HAS BEEN ABLE TO SUPPORT THE FOLLOWING

MINISTRIES  
ADVOCACY CENTER FOR ABUSED WOMEN ~ CAN DO CANINES ~ GOOD SHEPARD BINGO PRIZES ~ GOOD SHEPARD MOST NEEDED FUND ~ GOOD EARTH VILLAGE ~ GLOBAL HEALTH MINISTRIES ~ GRACE PLACE ~ HP SUNDAY SCHOOL ~ LUTHERAN CAMPUS MINISTRY ~ LUTHERAN WORLD RELIEF QUILT SHIPPING ~ MARIE SANDVIK CENTER ~ RBC PRAYER BOOKLETS ~ RUSHFORD - PETERSON BACKPACK PROGRAM ~ RP ANGEL FUND ~ RONALD MCDONALD HOUSE ~ SALVATION ARMY ~ WINONA CATHOLIC CHARITIES WARMING HOUSE ~ WINONA CARDINAL AGENCY FOR HANDICAPPED ~ PASTOR MIOCHE SCHOOL IN HAITI ~ SEMCAC FOOD SHELF ~ SUNSHINE CLUB FOR SENIOR DINING ~ SMILE TRAIN ~ BASEMENT DOORS ~ ST. JUDES ~ HP PARSONAGE WINDOW FUND ~ HP PARKING LOT FUND ~ COMPASSION INTERNATIONAL ~ DORTHY DAY ~ HOPE HARBOR FOR ABUSED GIRLS ~

## Highland Prairie:

HERE IS WHAT IS HAPPENING THIS MONTH WITH THE CHURCH WOMEN:

OCTOBER 6TH: LUTHERAN WORLD RELIEF KITS & QUILTS WILL BE BLESSED AND SENT

WELCA SPONSORED COMMUNITY HARVEST EVENT & MEAL **OCTOBER 26TH** THIS IS A FUNDRAISER WITH THE PROCEEDS GOING TOWARD THE PARKING LOT UPKEEP.

OCTOBER 11-15: QUILT (& CRAFT) FROLIC: GRAB YOUR PROJECTS & A FRIEND OR TWO AND JOIN THE FUN!

**PLEASE KNOW THAT YOU ARE WELCOME TO JOIN US WHERE AND WHEN YOU ARE AVAILABLE TO PARTICIPATE!**

AS EACH HAS RECEIVED A GIFT, USE IT TO SERVE ONE ANOTHER AS GOOD STEWARDS OF GOD'S VARIED GRACE.

1 PETER 4:10



# Elstad:

Ruth Abrahamson has planned a wonderful program that the Leah Circle will be leading on October 6th as we celebrate  
**“Thankoffering Sunday”**

Did you know that throughout the year the ladies in our congregation work to gather and assemble care kits for Lutheran World Relief?

**The Lutheran World Relief Kits & Quilts will be blessed and prepared to be sent to those in need.**

As we gather the kits that were made this year we invite you to help with next years kits by donating the items needed to assemble the kits needed. There will be baskets at church for you to put your items. There will also be printed copies of each of the kit lists and more information about each kit.

## SCHOOL CARE KIT

- 70 SHEET NOTEBOOK
- RULER WITH CENTIMETERS
- PENCIL SHARPENER
- BLUNT SCISSORS
- UNSHARPENED #2 PENCILS
- BLACK/BLUE BALL POINT PENS
- BOX 16 OR 24 CRAYONS
- 2 1/2 ERASER

## PERSONAL CARE KIT

- ONE LIGHT-WEIGHT BATH-SIZE
- DARK COLORED TOWEL (BETWEEN 20” X 40”AND 52” X 27”)
- 8-9 OZ BAR SOAP
- ONE ADULT-SIZE TOOTHBRUSH
- ONE STURDY COMB
- ONE METAL NAIL CLIPPERS

## BABY CARE KIT

- lightweight cotton t-shirts (no Onesies)
- long or short-sleeved gowns or sleepers no feet
- 36” and 52” square receiving blankets
- ~ medium-weight cotton,flannel,or
- lightweight crochet/ knitted
- FOUR cloth diapers
- ONE jacket, sweater or sweatshirt with a hood,
- socks
- ONE dark colored hand towel
- bath-size (8-9oz) bar of gentle soap
- diaper pins or large safety pins

## FABRIC CARE KIT

- 250-300 Yard Spool of neutral-colored, general purpose thread
- 2 ¼ yards of 60” wide fabric
- 3 yards of 44” wide fabric
- 4 yards of 36” wide fabric

## **MEN of HIGHLAND PRAIRIE**

The **MEN** are hosting a Pancake Breakfast on Sunday  
**October 6th**

Proceeds are going to **Lutheran World Relief**

### **Menu**

**Pancakes**

**Scrambled Eggs**

**Sausage**

**Juice**

**Coffee**



## **Stewardship**

THE CAREFUL AND RESPONSIBLE MANAGEMENT OF  
SOMETHING ENTRUSTED TO ONE'S CARE

### The Heart of Giving

As we continue our journey together in faith, we are reminded of the many ways God has blessed us. Giving is one of the most profound acts of worship, a response to God's generosity in our own lives. Whether through time, talents, or financial resources, our gifts enable us to be the hands and feet of Christ in our community and beyond.

When we give, we are not only supporting the church's ministries but also reflecting God's love and grace. Scripture reminds us, "Each of you should give what you have decided in your heart to give, not reluctantly or under compulsion, for God loves a cheerful giver." (2 Corinthians 9:7)

No gift is too small when given from the heart, and together, our contributions make a lasting impact. Thank you for your continued generosity and faithfulness. Let us keep giving as an act of love, trust, and gratitude, knowing that through our gifts, God's work is being done.

***"Therefore, my dear brothers and sisters, stand firm. Let nothing move you. Always give yourselves fully to the work of the Lord, because you know that your labor in the Lord is not in vain."  
"1 Corinthians 15:58***

# PARISH BOARD SEPTEMBER COUNCIL MEETING REPORT

## **Elstad-Highland Prairie Lutheran Church Parish Council Meeting September 08, 2024**

The meeting was called to order at 6:35 p.m. by Highland Prairie President Kyle Chiglo.

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

A quorum was determined and a motion to approve the agenda as presented was made by Amber Arends, David Markegard seconded. Motion carried.

**Devotions** were given by Robert Anfinson.

President's Report – None

**Pastor's Report** – Pastor Jackie Short shared her report of visits and ministry items , thankful for all the help.

**Youth Report** – October 2nd Confirmation begins.

**Correspondence** – Red Cross donation request

**Old Business:** Parsonage update

**New Business:** Church Windows program used for all Parish records and Highland Prairie financials needs updating cost runs from \$400.00 to \$500.00 annually. Val Howe made the motion to purchase the updated online annual subscription, the first tier split 60/40, and the second tier paid by Highland Prairie. Gene Topness seconded. Motion carried.

The Secretary's report was read and a motion to approve as read was made by Amy Jacobson, Gene Topness seconded. Motion carried.

A motion to adjourn with the Lord's Prayer was made at 7:10 p.m. by Mike Pepin, Amber Arends seconded. Motion carried.

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

# ELSTAD SEPTEMBER COUNCIL MEETING REPORT

## **ELSTAD LUTHERAN CHURCH COUNCIL MEETING MINUTES**

**SUNDAY, SEPTEMBER 8, 2024**

HIGHLAND PRAIRIE LUTHERAN CHURCH

THE MEETING WAS CALLED TO ORDER BY PRESIDENT GENE TOPNESS AT 5:28 P.M.

ROLL CALL: PASTOR JACKIE, GENE TOPNESS, KATHY ABRAHAMSON, KRISSY OVERLAND, JENNIFER NEPSTAD, AMBER ARENDS AND CHRISTOPHER NELSON WERE PRESENT. TANYA WOLFS WAS ABSENT. A QUORUM WAS CALLED.

# ELSTAD SEPTEMBER COUNCIL MEETING REPORT CONTINUED

THE AGENDA WAS REVIEWED. A MOTION TO APPROVE WAS MADE BY JENNIFER NEPSTAD, SECONDED BY AMBER ARENDS. MOTION CARRIED.

**CONGREGATION MEMBERS PRESENT TO ADDRESS THE COUNCIL: NONE**

**PASTOR'S REPORT:** PASTOR JACKIE REPORTED THAT THE FALL WILL BE BUSY WITH SUNDAY SCHOOL AND CONFIRMATION STARTING UP. WE ALSO DISCUSSED OUR BOWL SERVICES THIS PAST SUMMER AND WHETHER OR NOT WE WOULD BE INTERESTED IN HAVING AN OUTDOOR WORSHIP SERVICE AT ELSTAD.

**TREASURER'S REPORT:** TREASURER'S REPORT WAS REVIEWED. WE DO NEED TO BE MINDFUL OF OUR FINANCIAL SITUATION AND STARTED A CONVERSATION ON STEWARDSHIP. PASTOR JACKIE WOULD LIKE EACH OF US TO COME TO THE NOVEMBER COUNCIL MEETING WITH THREE IDEAS OF WAYS WE COULD PROVIDE MORE INCOME FOR THE CHURCH. AMBER ARENDS MADE A MOTION TO PLACE THE REPORT ON FILE FOR AUDIT AT A LATER DATE. CHRISTOPHER NELSON SECONDED. MOTION CARRIED.

**PRESIDENT'S REPORT: NONE**

**CORRESPONDENCE RECEIVED: NONE**

**OLD BUSINESS:**

**REPAIR UPDATE** - WE ARE STILL WAITING TO HEAR WHEN ROMAN YODER WILL BE STARTING THE REPAIR WORK ON THE STEEPLE. IF HE IS NO LONGER AVAILABLE, WE WILL NEED TO LOOK INTO OTHER OPTIONS IN ORDER TO GET IT TAKEN CARE OF.

**DRIVE-THRU DINNER** - OVERALL, THE DRIVE THRU DINNER WAS A SUCCESS AND WENT WELL. WE WERE ABLE TO RAISE \$2500.

**NEW BUSINESS:**

**ATV RIDE FUNDRAISER** - AMBER ARENDS REPORTED ON A POTENTIAL ATV FUNDRAISER RIDE THAT WE COULD LOOK INTO DOING. SHE WILL LOOK INTO IT MORE AND GET BACK TO US.

THE SECRETARY'S REPORT WAS GIVEN. MOTION TO APPROVE WAS MADE BY KATHY ABRAHAMSON, SECONDED BY AMBER ARENDS. MOTION CARRIED.

MOTION WAS MADE BY AMBER ARENDS TO ADJOURN, SECONDED BY CHRISTOPHER NELSON. MEETING ADJOURNED AT 6:28 P.M.

NEXT COUNCIL MEETING IS AT ELSTAD LUTHERAN CHURCH ON SUNDAY, NOV. 10, 2024 AT 7:30 P.M.

SUBMITTED BY: KRISSY OVERLAND

<b>ELSTAD AUGUST BUDGET</b>	<b>\$8407.00</b>
<b>RECEIVED AUGUST</b>	<b>\$5528.00</b>
<b>UNDER FOR AUGUST</b>	<b>\$2879.00</b>
<b>ELSTAD BUDGET YTD</b>	<b>\$67256</b>
<b>RECEIVED YTD</b>	<b>\$45705</b>
<b>UNDER YTD</b>	<b>\$21551</b>



# HIGHLAND PRAIRIE SEPTEMBER COUNCIL MEETING REPORT

## Highland Prairie Lutheran Church Council Meeting      September 08, 2024

The meeting was called to order at 7:11 p.m. by President Kyle Chiglo.

Council Members present were Robert Anfinson, Karen Bakken, Kyle Chiglo, Kristi Gudmundson, Mary Gudmundson, Val Howe, David Markegard, and Mike Pepin; Steve Howe was absent.

Devotions were given at the Joint Parish meeting. A quorum was determined, and a motion to approve the agenda was made by David Markegard, Kristi Gudmundson 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 \$61,022.00 expenses of \$65,211.00; Expenses exceed income by \$4,189.00. A motion to approve as presented made by Amy Jacobson, Mike Pepin seconded. Motion carried.

**President's Report** – Given at Joint Parish meeting, updated Highland Prairie events

**Pastor's Report** given at the Joint Parish meeting.

Correspondence: None

Committee Reports: **Church – Grounds Committee –**

**Worship Committee** –Funds from free will offering today to be used towards 2025 Bowl Worship music

**Youth & Education Committee** – October 6th Sunday school begins

**Old Business:** Water line by bowl tabled, Dumpster placement discussed

**New Business:** Board of Education is requesting permission to update the Sunday School rooms. Amy Jacobson moved to allow them to do so, being mindful of choices. Mike Pepin seconded. Motion carried. Memorial Bench request made, after discussion it was tabled until next month to gather more.

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

A motion to adjourn with the Lord's Prayer at 8:50 p.m. was made by Robert Anfinson, Kristi Gudmundson seconded. Motion carried.

Respectfully submitted, Mary Gudmundson

Next Meeting is October 13th 11:30 am at Highland Prairie.



### HIGHLAND PRAIRIE FINANCIALS FOR AUGUST 2024

YTD INCOME-----\$ 61,022

YTD EXPENSES-----\$ 65,211

EXPENSES EXCEED INCOME-----\$ 4,189

YTD BUDGET-----\$ 74,336

YTD INCOME-----\$ 61,022

YTD UNDER-----\$ 13,314



- 1:** Charles Semmen,  
Danette Grimsrud-Walsh,  
Natalie Schleper
- 2:** Olive Peterson, Sylvia Passow
- 3:** Jensyn Storhoff
- 6:** Valarie Howe, Maci Pontillo,  
Riley Pontillo
- 7:** Alyssa Berg
- 9:** Beth Smith, Amy Jacobson
- 10:** Christopher Hoiland
- 11:** Jeremy Burt
- 12:** Amber Arends
- 13:** Mary Carlson, Garion Bedney,  
Jayde Butler, Carsen Nelson
- 15:** Cathy Bakke, Creighton Hoiness,  
Dominic Humble
- 16:** Casey Pestle

- 17:** Brandon Rustad
- 18:** Jerry Barrett, Larry Topness,  
Alison Freese
- 20:** Joyce Dahl
- 21:** Dylan Evenson
- 22:** Gary Kiehne, Duston Brookins
- 23:** Sharon Howe, Don Paulson
- 24:** Mila Topness, Erik Nelson ,  
Courtney Hahn (Gravos),  
Gwenyth Rein
- 25:** Melody Paulson
- 27:** Tyler Knutson,
- 28:** Merlin Halverson
- 29:** Karen Mierau
- 30:** Nicole Johnson
- 31:** Adam Woxland, Brittany  
Johnson, Hayden Stensgard



- 7th:** Iain & Marcasia Short
- 9th:** Chase & Kirsten Bakke
- 16th:** Ken & Helen Jacobson  
& John & Kathy Abrahamson
- 17th:** Josh & Kristi Rein
- 26th:** Rick & Sandy Sjarpe
- 27th:** Don & Melissa Paulson  
& Mitchell & Nicole Paulson

**We love to celebrate with you, if we have missed somebody's Birthday or Anniversary please email the church office so we can add them to the list!**



**Cathy Bakke's 90th Birthday!!**  
is **October 15th!!**

Lets all **Grace** her with a card in honor of her special day.

**Her address is:**  
410 Park Lane SE #15  
Preston, MN 55965

# OCTOBER

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
		<b>1</b>	<b>2</b> HP WELCA Bible Study—1:30 p.m. 8:30 a.m.—Elizabeth circle	<b>3</b> 9:30 a.m.—Esther circle	<b>4</b>	<b>5</b> EL— <sup>o</sup> Fueled by Faith <sup>o</sup> fundraiser 10:00 a.m.
<b>6</b> Thank Offering @ both congregations EL—9:00 a.m. SS—during worship HP—10:30 a.m. SS—9:30 a.m. Trunk-or-Treat Community Meal &	<b>7</b>  Bible study @ Bethlehem—	<b>8</b> Leah Circle—2:00 p.m.	<b>9</b> HP WELCA Quilting/ Do Day 9:00 a.m. Elizabeth Circle—8:30 a.m.  Confirmation—6:30  Bulletin Deadline	<b>10</b> HP—Quilting & Craft Frolic	<b>11</b> HP—Quilting & Craft Frolic	<b>12</b> HP—Quilting & Craft Frolic
<b>13</b> EL—9:00 a.m. SS—during worship HP—10:30 a.m. SS—9:30 a.m. HP Council after worship service	<b>14</b>  Bible study @ Bethlehem—9:30 a.m.	<b>15</b>	<b>16</b>  Bulletin Deadline	<b>17</b> Cardboard Box City ~ HP—4:00 p.m.	<b>18</b>	<b>19</b>  Newsletter Deadline
<b>20</b> EL—9:00 a.m. SS—during worship HP—10:30 a.m. SS—9:30 a.m.	<b>21</b>  Bible study @ Bethlehem—	<b>22</b>	<b>23</b>  Confirmation—6:30  Bulletin Deadline	<b>24</b>	<b>25</b>	<b>26</b>
<b>27</b> EL—9:00 a.m. SS—during worship HP—10:30 a.m. SS—9:30 a.m.	<b>28</b>  Bible study @ Bethlehem—9:30 a.m.	<b>29</b>	<b>30</b>  Confirmation—6:30  Bulletin Deadline	<b>31</b>		

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