

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

*~ March 2023 ~*

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**March Worship Schedule**

**Wednesday, March 1, 2023**

**Lenten Service at Elstad 7:00 p.m.**

**Sunday, March 5, 2023**  
**Second Sunday in Lent**

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

Genesis 12:1-4a

Psalm 121

Romans 4:1-5, 13-17

John 3:1-17

**Wednesday, March 8, 2023**

**Lenten Service at Highland Prairie 7:00 p.m.**

**Sunday, March 12, 2023**  
**Third Sunday in Lent**

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

Exodus 17:1-7

Psalm 95

Romans 5:1-11

John 4:5-42

**Wednesday, March 15, 2023**

**Lenten Service at Elstad 7:00 p.m.**

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**Sunday, March 19, 2023**  
**Fourth Sunday in Lent**

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

1 Samuel 16:1-13

Psalm 23

Ephesians 5:8-14

John 9:1-41

**Wednesday, March 22, 2023**

**Lenten Service at Highland Prairie 7:00 p.m.**

**Sunday, March 26, 2023**  
**Fifth Sunday in Lent**

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

Ezekiel 37:1-14

Psalm 130

Romans 8:6-11

John 11:1-45

**Wednesday, March 29, 2023**

**Lenten Service at Elstad 7:00 p.m.**

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Dear Ones-

In the beautiful rhythm that is the church year, we have once again found ourselves in the season of Lent. That season when we remember that faith is not always sunshine, unicorns and rainbows and that there are moments when faith is hard and challenging.

We live in a world that tells us if we work enough, try enough and spend enough we can perfect our lives. We can live up to the Facebook/Instagram/TikTok perfect lives we think others have.

And Lent stands in the face of that myth. Lent is the time when, in the words of Kate Bowler, “we ask God to show us the world as it is.” We ask God to remind us that life is “brutiful” (brutal + beautiful=brutiful, thanks Glennon Doyle), that there is a lot of hard and challenging alongside a lot of beauty and joy.

Lent is a time when we reflect on this hard truth. A season when we acknowledge that the world is not yet what God hopes, not yet the kin-dom that God longs for AND when we hope and dream for that promised day when there are no more struggles and pains and tears.

This Lent, we get to join together to bless the lives we actually have and remember that in the ups and downs, the beauty and the brutal, the joy and the pain God is with us, reminding us that we do not journey through this life alone.

So join us as we bless all of it-each and every part of our brutiful lives- the joy, the ordinary and the hard!

Lenten blessings,

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### *Prayer Corner*

*Scripture tells us to pray without ceasing. Let's be known as a praying congregation. Please keep Carol Fogal, Ferne Brewster, Naomi Wangen, Lisa Bakkum, Marilyn Soland and all others who are ill or in need of our prayers.*

**Attention Elstad Members:** Mabel Floral will be offering 6” potted Lilies and Tri-Color Mum plants for \$20 and 8” bulb gardens for \$30 for Easter. The sign-up sheet is on the usher’s table. Deadline to order is Sunday, March 26<sup>th</sup>.

**Elstad-** From now until Easter Sunday our Sunday school will be collecting a noisy offering to support the work of Zion Family Health Family Clinic in Sayyi, Uganda. We will collect change from our kiddos every Sunday and have a congregational collection on the first Sunday February and March as well as Easter Sunday-April 9. Thank you for your support and all the ways you are supporting our kids as they learn about all the ways we follow Christ with our lives.

### **Highland Prairie WELCA News:**

The WELCA will be having a meatball dinner on April 16th, 10:30—1:00 p.m. The entire menu is yet to be decided but news of the menu will be coming shortly. We are asking for everyone to volunteer with signing up for jobs and donating food items. This is WELCA’s biggest fund raiser of the year and we are hoping for a wonderful turnout. We have not had a dinner since 2019 so we are looking forward to a day filled with wonderful fellowship and great food.

Quilting/doing day is Wednesday, March 8th, 9:00 a.m. With a potluck meal at noon. All are welcome.

Our monthly Bible study is Wednesday, March 1st, 1:30 p.m. The worship committee is meeting at noon with Pastor Alma the same day.

The WELCA is sponsoring a bake sale on April 7th, at Sterling Drug in Rushford. Starting time is 10:00 a.m. Come and shop for your Easter Day gathering.

Thank you to everyone who donated to the “backpack” program on February 19th. We collected over \$1100. Because of you, there will be enough on hand to get through this school year. You were incredibly generous!

## Highland Prairie Lutheran Church Council Meeting

February 19, 2023

The meeting was called to order at 5:39 p.m. by President Kyle Chiglo.

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

Devotions were given by Pastor Alma.

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

No congregation members

The Treasurer's Report was given by Karen Bakken. The year-to-date information provided was income of \$6,019.00 expenses \$8,494.00; expenses exceed income by \$2,475.00. A motion to approve as presented was made by Val Howe, Lyle Meldahl seconded. Motion carried.

President's Report - None

Pastor's Report – Lent coming up

Correspondence – Thank you from Pastor Alma and letter from Good Shepherd Foundation meeting 7:00 p.m. March 27th

Committee Reports –

Church – Sharon Ehler moved to remove wall paper on Sunday school wall, Val Howe seconded. Motion carried.

Electrical issue in kitchen is due to the exhaust fan and needs to be addressed.

Final two doors should be ordered soon.

Grounds – Tree trimming continues, flower garden will need more plantings and more hostas for the bowl.

Worship – Piano tuner suggested a Dampp Chaser due to signs of warping beginning.

Pastor will be at Good Shepherd Ash Wednesday.

Youth & Education – Ten confirmation students currently, seven of which will be confirmed May 7<sup>th</sup>.

June mission trip through Service Learning Camps is being planned by Elstad and Highland Prairie students may join.

Old Business: Parsonage gutter guards discussed.

New Business: Pastor Compensation discussed.

April Council Meeting time discussed, Val Howe made a motion to change the meeting time to 2:30 p.m. on April 16<sup>th</sup>, Sharon Ehler seconded. Motion carried.

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

A motion to adjourn with the Lord's Prayer at 6: p.m. was made by Sharon Ehler, Steve Howe seconded. Motion carried.

Respectfully submitted, Mary Gudmundson

Next Meeting is March 12<sup>th</sup> at Elstad.

### Highland Prairie Financials for January 2023

YTD Income	\$ 6, 019
YTD Expenses	\$ 8, 494
Expenses Exceed Income	\$ 2, 475
YTD Budget	\$ 8, 917
YTD Income	\$ 6, 019
YTD Under	\$ 2, 898

# MARCH 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 Anniversary

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|--------------------------|----------------------|
| 1~ Kaelynn Evenson       | 15 ~ Harper Nelson   |
| 2 ~ Sharon Knutson       | ~ Quinn Nelson       |
| ~ Mark Johnson           | 16~ Duane Bakke      |
| 3 ~ Kristoffer Gudmunson | 17~ Caryn Butler     |
| ~ Gavin Wangen           | ~ Taylor Gravois     |
| 4 ~ Tanya Wolfs          | 18 ~ Glee Claussen   |
| ~ Jeremy Berge           | ~ Helen Jacobson     |
| 5 ~ Brittany Johnson     | 20 ~ Robert Anfinson |
| 6~ John Johnson          | ~ Elizabeth McHan    |
| ~ Treyton Wangen         | ~ Jonah Sievers      |
| ~ Ava Fox                | ~ Liam Nelson        |
| ~ Brooks Fishbaugher     | 21 ~ Cammy Johnson   |
| 8 ~ Aaron Dybing         | 22 ~ Sandy Sjarpe    |
| ~ Timothy Knutson        | ~ Sarah Bearbower    |
| ~ Isaac Freese           | ~ Kjersta Donnelly   |
| ~ Norah Eide             | 23~ Sharon Ehler     |
| 9 ~ Philip Abrahamson    | ~ Julie Ekstrom      |
| ~ Mariah Mierau          | 25~ Matthew Brookins |
| ~ Britney Fretland       | 27 ~ Sandra Overland |
| ~ Mathew Gudmundson      | ~ Ben Markegard      |
| 12~ Mitchell Lee         | 28 ~ Tom Smith       |
| 13 ~ Mary McHan          | ~ Wendy Overland     |
| ~ Brian Paulson          | ~ Naomi Howe         |
| ~ Tyler Dahl             | ~ Channing Lind      |
| ~ Hilary Eide            | 29 ~ Brianna Koop    |
| 14~ Ellen Shofner        | 30 ~ Roman Ritter    |
|                          | 31 ~ Guthrie Johnson |

- 15~ Mike & Marcia Randall  
20 ~ Robert & Caroline  
Anfinson  
24~ Robert & Shelly Nelson

# March 2023

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Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
			<b>1</b> 12:00—Worship Committee mtg. HP WELCA Bible study—1:30 p.m. EL Lenten Service 6:00—Soup Supper 7:00—Worship	<b>2</b>	<b>3</b>	<b>4</b>
<b>5</b> HP—9:00 a.m. SS—10:00 a.m. EL—10:30 SS during worship	<b>6</b>	<b>7</b>	<b>8</b> HP WELCA Quilting Day—9:30 a.m. pot luck at 12:00 HP Lenten Service 6:00—Soup Supper 7:00—Worship	<b>9</b>	<b>10</b>	<b>11</b>
<b>12</b> HP—9:00 a.m. SS—10:00 a.m. EL—10:30 SS during worship Council Meetings @ EL 5:30—Highland Prairie 6:30—Parish 7:30—Elstad	<b>13</b>	<b>14</b>	<b>15</b> EL Lenten Service 6:00—Soup Supper 7:00—Worship Bulletin Deadline	<b>16</b>	<b>17</b>	<b>18</b>
<b>19</b> HP—9:00 a.m. SS—10:00 a.m. EL—10:30 SS during worship	<b>20</b>	<b>21</b>	<b>22</b> HP Lenten Service 6:00—Soup Supper 7:00—Worship Bulletin Deadline	<b>23</b>	<b>24</b>	<b>25</b>
<b>26</b> HP—9:00 a.m. SS—10:00 a.m. EL—10:30 SS during worship	<b>27</b>	<b>28</b>	<b>29</b> EL Lenten Service 6:00—Soup Supper 7:00—Worship Bulletin Deadline	<b>30</b>	<b>31</b>	

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## Newsletter 2023

### HIGHLAND PRAIRIE ACOLYTES/READERS/GREETERS

#### SUNDAY, MARCH 5, 2023

**ACOLYTE:** CARSON JOHNSON  
**READERS:** CARSON JOHNSON, STEVE HOWE  
**GREETERS:** KYLE & LISA CHIGLO

#### WEDNESDAY, MARCH 8, 2023

7:00 P.M. LENTEN SERVICE AT HIGHLAND PRAIRIE

#### SUNDAY, MARCH 12, 2023

**ACOLYTE:** BEN RYAN  
**READERS:** BEN RYAN, ANN MELDAHL  
**GREETERS:** NORMA HALVERSON

#### SUNDAY, MARCH 19, 2023

**ACOLYTE:**  
**READERS:** LYNNETTE PEDERSON  
**GREETERS:** STEPH DAHL & CHILDREN

#### WEDNESDAY, MARCH 22, 2023

7:00 P.M. LENTEN SERVICE AT HIGHLAND PRAIRIE

#### SUNDAY, MARCH 26, 2023

**ACOLYTE:** GUS HOILAND  
**READERS:** GUS HOILAND, SHARON EHLE  
**GREETERS:** SHARON EHLE

### ELSTAD ACOLYTES/READERS/USHERS

#### WEDNESDAY, MARCH 1, 2023

7:00 P.M. LENTEN SERVICE AT ELSTAD

#### SUNDAY, MARCH 5, 2023

**ACOLYTE:**  
**READERS:** KENDRA HAGEMAN, SHELLY NELSON  
**GREETERS:** JOEL & KENDRA HAGEMAN

#### SUNDAY, MARCH 12, 2023

**ACOLYTE:** THEA ARENDS  
**READERS:** THEA ARENDS, ANDY ARENDS  
**GREETERS:** AMBER & ANDY ARENDS

#### WEDNESDAY, MARCH 15, 2023

7:00 P.M. LENTEN SERVICE AT ELSTAD

#### SUNDAY, MARCH 19, 2023

**ACOLYTE:** SARI REIN  
**READERS:** SHELLY NELSON, CAROL OVERLAND  
**GREETERS:** CAROL DIXON, CAROL FOLGAN

#### SUNDAY, MARCH 26, 2023

**ACOLYTE:**  
**READERS:** MARCIA RANDALL, LORI BAKKE  
**GREETERS:** MARCIA RANDALL

#### WEDNESDAY, MARCH 29, 2023

7:00 P.M. LENTEN SERVICE AT ELSTAD

**USHERS:** DICK & DIANE HAIGHT