

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

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May Worship Schedule

Sunday, May 7, 2023
Fifth Sunday of Easter

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

Acts 7:55-60

Psalms 31:1-5, 15-16

1 Peter 2:2-10

John 14:1-14

Sunday, May 14, 2023

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

Acts 17:22-31

Psalms 66:8-20

1 Peter 3:13-22

John 14:15-21

Sunday, May 21, 2023
Seventh Sunday of Easter

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

Acts 1:6-14

Psalms 68:1-10, 32-35

1 Peter 4:12-14, 5:6-11

John 17:1-11

Sunday, May 28, 2023
Day of Pentecost

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

Acts 2:1-21

Psalms 104:24-34, 35b

1 Corinthians 12:3b-13

John 20:19-23

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Happy May y'all!!

It's the time where new life and new things are springing up all over the place. New flowers, new baby animals and at church... a few new ideas from the pastor.

So I would like to take a moment to share some of those things with you.

The first new thing- Starting in June, rather than a pastor reflection, I will be using this space to do an "ask the pastor" column. I will put a basket of cards for questions on the usher tables at both churches. Please feel free to put a question in the basket and over the next couple of months, I will answer as many questions as I can.

The second new thing- Starting mid-May, rather than having office hours at Highland Prairie, I will be having "coffee shop" hours at Jessie Street Java in Rushford from 10ish-2ish. Please feel free to stop by for coffee and conversation with the pastor!

The final thing— Starting on Pentecost Sunday (May 28th) we will have paper "bubbles" out on the usher table with different questions about your dreams and visions from the church. From Pentecost Sunday, we will invite you to write these down and share them, so that we can dream about where the Holy Spirit is moving in the church.

With some new things happening, it is also important to look at what our foundation and what our faith is built on. Each week we will be looking at a different "building block of faith". We have already had "Becoming a Believer" and "Recognizing Jesus." Over the next couple of weeks, we will explore "Living in Community", "Asking Questions", "Sharing our Faith", "Seeking Guidance Together" and "Being Moved." I will be posting about these themes on Facebook and would love to hear your thoughts and feedback.

Happy Spring y'all! I can't wait to see what new life is popping up in the church!

Prayer Corner

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

Highland Prairie WELCA

The Highland Prairie WELCA would like to thank everyone who came to our Annual Meatball Dinner despite the scary weather forecast. We were fortunate that the accumulation of snow waited until after the dinner was almost concluded. Thank you to all who worked and brought food for the dinner. Thank you to Kyle, waiters, and helpers in the dining room. The youthful energy and helpfulness, really added to our dinner. We sold 307 tickets and the income for the dinner was \$4,037.

Thank you to all who worked, donated items, and purchased items at our Bake Sale on Good Friday in Rushford. The income for the Bake Sale was \$1,015.

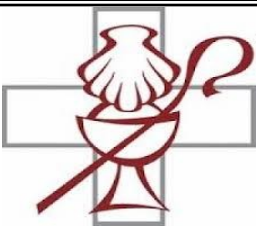
This Spring we will again need to clean the Chapel, Rest House, Kitchen and Shelter. Hope you will be able to help—the more hands, the easier and quicker these jobs will get done. The date for the park and grounds clean up is **May 21st** after church.

May Council Meetings at Highland Prairie

Elstad council—5:30 p.m. ~ Parish Council—6:30 p.m. ~ Highland Prairie Council—7:30 p.m.

Highland Prairie Church Council is asking for your help to shape and care for our church. We are hoping to get our committees up and running again to help care for our church. If you are willing or interested in serving on a property, worship or youth ministry committee, please let Pastor Alma or one of your council members know.

Elstad/Highland Prairie call committee are in need of your feedback and thoughts about the direction of our church. There is a double sided form included in this newsletter for you to fill out and send to the church. Thank you!



Confirmation
Sunday, May 7, 2023
Highland Prairie 10:30 a.m.

Highland Prairie Financials for March 2023

YTD Income	\$ 23,784
YTD Expenses	\$ 23,140
Expenses Exceed Income	\$ 644
YTD Budget	\$ 26,751
YTD Income	\$ 23,784
YTD Under	\$ 2,967

Elstad Financials for March 2023

Elstad budget for March	\$7454.83
Received March	\$ 3200.00
Under March	\$ 4254.83
Elstad Budget YTD	\$ 22364.49
Received YTD	\$ 16972.00
Under YTD	\$ 5392.49

Elstad/Highland Prairie Call Committee Feedback

Hopes and Dreams

Directions: Please complete this form to assist the call committee in writing an updated Ministry Site Profile as part of our Call process. Forms are due back to the church by Sunday, April 2nd. Each site will have a box for responses or you can mail in your responses (address below). A digital copy of this form is also available via email/Facebook. Only one response is requested per person. Thank you for your prayerful time and consideration when completing this form.

1. Which church do you most closely associate with? Circle one.

Elstad

Highland Prairie

2. How long have you been a member or associated with this congregation?

3. What are three words that describe this congregation?

4. What are some of the strengths of this congregation? What do you especially appreciate about this congregation?
List at least three things.

5. What are your hopes and dreams for the congregations' ministry? What would you like to see happen in the next one to five years?

6. If you could dream big, what could we accomplish in our ministry together in seeking to serve our large community?

Elstad/Highland Prairie Churches

% Lisa Chiglo

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Top Five Ministry Tasks (taken from the MSP)

Please mark the five most critical tasks required in this position.

Administration	Building a Sense of Community	Campus / Young Adult Ministry
Chaplaincy	Children's Ministry	Christian Education
Communications/ Media	Community Organizing	Conflict Management
Counseling/ Social Work	Early Childhood Administration	Ecumenical Work
Evangelism/ Mission	Financial Management	Global Service
Innovation / Creativity	Interim Ministry	Interpret Theology
Inter-personal Climate	Ministry in Crisis	Ministry in Daily Life
Ministry with Seniors	Multicultural Ministry	Music / Worship / Arts
Outdoor/ Camping Ministry	Parish Nurse / Health	Participant in the Larger Church
Pastoral Care and Visitation	Preaching / Worship	Public Policy / Advocacy
Recruit and Equip Leaders	Self-Care / Family Life	Small Group Ministry
Social Ministry	Spiritual Formation / Direction	Stewardship
Strategic Mission Planning	Teaching	Volunteer Coordination
Youth and Family Ministry		

Gifts for Ministry (taken from the MSP)

Mark the five gifts essential in this position, and the five that are very helpful in this position.

Top Priority Very Helpful

Help people develop their spiritual life.		
Help people understand and act upon issues of social justice.		
Provide care and nurture.		
Be active in visitation of members and non-members.		
Be effective in working with children.		
Build a sense of community among the people with whom he/she works.		
Help others develop their leadership abilities and skills for ministry.		
Be an effective administrator.		
Be an effective communicator.		
Be an effective teacher.		
Encourage support of the Church's wider mission.		
Work regularly in the development of stewardship growth.		
Be active in ecumenical relationships.		
Be effective in working with youth.		
Organize people for community action.		
Be skilled in planning and leading programs.		
Have a strong commitment and loyalty to the Lutheran Church.		
Understand and interpret the mission of the Church from a global perspective.		
Deal effectively with conflict.		
Bring joy and good humor to relationships.		
Be able to share leadership and work in a team.		
Be creative and innovative about his or her tasks.		
Be able to use technology and media.		
Appreciate cultural diversity in language and customs.		
Have talents in the areas of music, arts and writing.		

Highland Prairie Lutheran Church Council Meeting

April 16, 2023

The meeting was called to order at 2:10 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.

Devotions given by Val Howe.

A quorum was determined, and a motion to approve the agenda as presented was made by David Markegard, Val Howe 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 \$23,784.00 expenses \$23,140.00; income exceeds expenses by \$644.00. A motion to approve as presented was made by Val Howe, Mike Pepin seconded. Motion carried.

President's Report – Thanks for all the assistance with today's dinner.

Pastor's Report – Good Shepherd open again for services and working on mission trip.

Correspondence – None

Committee Reports:

Church – Kitchen entrance gutter installation was discussed with Val Howe making a motion to have Latsch Island install when they are here for the parsonage if under \$1000.00, if more, we will need council approval, Sharon Ehler seconded. Discussed handicapped seating, Sharon Ehler will gather further detailed information and bring it back to the council. Mike Pepin recommended having fire extinguishers inspected. After discussion it was decided that the AED also be checked as well as the first aid kits and that all be updated, noted and posted.

Grounds – Clean up day scheduled for Sunday, May 21st after worship.

Worship – Pentecost season upcoming

Youth & Education – Seven students will be confirmed May 7th with a banquet on May 3rd.

Old Business: Discussion on ball field concerns, tabled until more information is gathered.

New Business:

Pastor Alma presented the following for Confirmation; Grant DeGeorge, Gustav Hoiland, Creighton Hoiness, Chase Humble, Carson Johnson, Lucas Redalen, and Brode Vickerman. Val Howe moved to approve, Karen Bakken seconded. Motion carried.

Lower parking lot light discussion, Sharon Ehler moved to request two quotes from local electricians to repair light. Val Howe seconded. Motion carried.

Committee planning discussion

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 3:40 p.m. was made by Val Howe, Sharon Ehler seconded. Motion carried.

Respectfully submitted, Mary Gudmundson

Next Meeting is May 21st 7:30 at Highland Prairie.

MAY 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~ Sawyer Wolfs
2~ James Mensink
~ Mya Kingsley
3~ Eric Storhoff
6~ JoAnne Anderson
~ Daniel Storhoff
~ Bruce Thompson
8~ Danielle Yonts
9~ Pamela Johnson
~ Adam Rislov
10~ Sean Pederson
~ Carl Anfinson
12~ Robert Dahl
~ Kiah Halverson
~ Kiera Pepin
~ Tommy Johnson
13~ Alexander Mierau
~ Morgan Nelson
15~ Aaron Topness
16~ Faith Eide
~ Cashton Dahl
~ Jaxie Dahl
17~ Loren Flattum
18~ Jennifer Stensgard
~ Kimberly Lee

19~ Martha Gudmundson
~ Yvonne Freese
20~ Mike Chiglo
~ John Peterson
~ Clara Hoiland
22~ Nicholas Bakke
~ Jana Boyum
~ Kai Fox
23~ Kyle Daniels
24~ Carson Johnson
25~ Tina Westby
~ Harper Kanz
26~ Lisa Sievers
~ Jarad Olson
~ Jacob James
27~ Jordan Kiel
~ Quentin Daniels
28~ Gavin Pearce
29~ Diane Haight
~ Bereket Rebhahn
30~ Paula Brand
31~ Kate Gellerson
~ Nicole Woxland
~ Brody Gellerson

Happy Anniversary!

11~ Peter & Shelly Stensgard
15~ Wayne & Joan
Finnegan
19~ Robert & Sharon
Knutson
22~ John & Michelle Rein
27~ Stan & Cindy Sveen
31~ Douglas & Rebecca Lind

MAY 2023

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elstadlutheranchurch.org

highlandprairielutheranchurch.org

SUN	MON	TUE	WED	THU	FRI	SAT
	1	2	3 HP WELCA Bible study 1:30 p.m. Confirmation Banquet 6:30	4	5	6
7 EL—9:00 a.m. HP —10:30 a.m. SS—9:30 a.m. Confirmation Sunday	8	9	10 HP WELCA Quilting/Do Day 9:00 a.m. Bulletin Deadline	11	12	13
14 EL—9:00 a.m. HP —10:30 a.m. All Church Sunday School	15	16	17 Bulletin Deadline	18	19 Newsletter Deadline	20
21 EL—9:00 a.m. HP —10:30 a.m. SS—9:30 a.m. HP Church grounds clean-up after worship Council Meetings @ HP	22	23	24 Worship Meeting @ HP 1:00 p.m. Bulletin Deadline	25	26	27
28 EL—9:00 a.m. HP —10:30 a.m. SS—9:30 a.m.	29	30	31 Bulletin Deadline			

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ACOLYTES/READERS/GREETERS

SUNDAY, MAY 7, 2023

ACOLYTE:

READERS: STEVE HOWE

GREETERS: ALLAN SKALET & KAYE EIKEN

SUNDAY, MAY 14, 2023

ACOLYTE:

READERS: SYLVIA PASSOW

GREETERS: KELSY ANDERSON

SUNDAY, MAY 21, 2023

ACOLYTE:

READERS: PAULA HOWE

GREETERS: VAL HOWE

SUNDAY, MAY 28, 2023

ACOLYTE:

READERS: ANN MELDAHL

GREETERS: PEPIN FAMILY

ELSTAD
ACOLYTES/READERS/USHERS

SUNDAY, MAY 7, 2023

ACOLYTE:

READERS: VICKY TOPNESS

GREETERS: CAROL DIXON, CAROL FOGAL

SUNDAY, MAY 14, 2023

ACOLYTE: THEA ARENDS

READERS: MARCIA RANDALL

GREETERS: AMBER & ANDY ARENDS

SUNDAY, MAY 21, 2023

ACOLYTE:

READERS: SHELLY NELSON

GREETERS: JORDAN NELSON

SUNDAY, MAY 28, 2023

ACOLYTE:

READERS: TOM DYBING

GREETERS: TOM DYBING

USHERS: VICKY & GENE TOPNESS