

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

~ August 2023 ~

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**August Worship
Schedule**

Sunday, August 6, 2023

Time after Pentecost

Elstad—9:00 a.m.

Highland Prairie—10:30 a.m.

Isaiah 55:1-5

Matthew 14:13-21

Sunday, August 13, 2023

Time after Pentecost

Elstad—9:00 a.m.

Highland Prairie—10:30 a.m.

1 Kings 9:9-18

Matthew 14:22-33

Sunday, August 20, 2023

Time after Pentecost

**Parish Worship Outdoors at
Highland Prairie—10:30 a.m.**

Isaiah 56:1, 6-8

Matthew 15:[10-20] 21-28

Sunday, August 27, 2023

Time after Pentecost

**Parish Worship at Elstad ~
10:30 a.m.**

Isaiah 21:1-6

Matthew 16:13-20

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Welcome to the next round of "Ask a Pastor". This month's question:

Why do some Lutheran churches (including ours) say "catholic" in the Apostle's Creed and other say "Christian"?

This is a great question! Thank you to whoever submitted it!

In some ways, the answer comes down to a capital letter. When we talk about the Catholic Church, with a capital "C," we are talking about the Roman Catholic Church. We are talking about a specific denomination of the Christian church. For those of you grammar lovers, this is the noun version of "Catholic".

In the creed, however, we are talking about "catholic," with a lower case 'c', which is the adjective version of "catholic." When we use "catholic" as an adjective, we are talking about the universality of something. We are not talking about a specific denomination but about the broad, inclusive, all embracing nature of the WHOLE of the catholic (with a lower case) church. We are talking about the way the church is made of many parts, many denominations, many individual beliefs and is still one church in our love and faithfulness to Christ.

Or in the words of Martin Luther, our belief in the catholic (adjective) church means we believe that God "gathers, enlightens, and sanctifies the whole Christian church on earth, and keeps it with Jesus Christ in the one true faith" (Luther's Explanation of the 3rd article of the Apostle's Creed).

So in some places, to avoid the confusion between the Catholic (noun) church with catholic (adjective) church, some churches have switched to using "Christian church" in the creeds.

Hopefully this answers the question! And I can't wait for more questions to show up!

I am grateful for all of you and excited to grow as questioning and curious people of faith.

Peace and blessings,
PA

Prayer Corner

Scriptures tell us to pray without ceasing. Let's be known as a praying congregation. Please keep Ferne Brewster, Lisa Bakkum, Sharon Ehler, Emily Chalebois, Julian Highum, Robert Knutson, Ross Boyum, the family of Naomi Wangen and all others who are ill or in need of our prayers.



SHARE YOUR FAITH

**SUNDAY SCHOOL
TEACHERS
NEEDED**

WE ARE LOOKING FOR TEACHERS TO HELP TEACH SUNDAY SCHOOL THIS YEAR. SUNDAY SCHOOL WILL BE DURING WORSHIP AND WILL BE PLANNED FOR YOU. PLEASE LET PR ALMA KNOW IF YOU CAN HELP



**YOUTH
PLANNING
MEETING**

High School Youth-
Join us to discuss what
you would like to see
the church youth group
do this coming year.
You provide ideas...we
provide ice cream!

Another Time Ice Cream
August 10th
6:30-7:30(ish) pm



**Confirmation begins
September 13th**

If you have a student in 7th or 8th grade,
please let Pr. Alma know so she can get
you the details.

Elstad -HP Church Council Meeting Minutes Sunday July 9, 2023 At Elstad Lutheran Church

The Meeting was held at Elstad Lutheran Church with Elstad's president, Gene Topness calling the meeting to order at 6:00 pm.

Roll call was taken. A quorum was called. Sharon Ehler, David Markegard, Kyle Chiglo, Lyle Meldahl were not present.

Others present: Pastor Alma

Agenda was reviewed. Motion to approve the agenda made by Steve Howe and second by Amber Arends. Motion carried.

Devotions were given by Robert Anfinson.

Others present to address the council include: Jodie Daniels, Pastor Emily Carson

See attachment for Pastor Alma's report

No additional president's report at this time

Old Business/Committee Reports: None

Elstad—Highland Prairie Parish council minutes continued.

New Business:

- A) Pastor Emily Carson - joined us for a 45 minute stewardship conversation
- B) Call Committee - Update from the call committee given by Jodie Daniels & Mary Gudmundson: After gathering input from surveys and conversations with members of the congregations they have completed a draft of the ministry profile site. If there is anything of question please see the call committee members. The goal is to have everything finished by August 20th in order to move forward into the next phase. On August 20th ,Rev Barb Streed will be at the bowl service to preach/
- C) Pastor Alma's Contract - A motion was made by Krissy Overland to extend Pastor Alma's interim contract until a call has been extended to a settled pastor, second by Mary Gudmundson. Motion carried.

Secretary's report was given. Motion to approve the report by Steve Howe, and second by Kathy Abrahamson.

Motion to adjourn the meeting by Mike Pepin, and second by Amber Arends. Meeting was closed with the Lord's prayer.

Council Report Rev. Alma A.G. Buco May 22-July 9, 2023

Worship Services

Elstad and Highland Prairie- Sunday-5/28, 6/4, 6/11, 6/18, 6/25, 7/9

Good Shepherd: 6/8

Funerals: Graveside service- Keith Beckman, Stockton, 7/8

Visits/Calls

8 pastoral care visits

0 hospital visits

4 home/long term care visits

2 funeral plannings

2 baptism session

Meetings

Worship Planning Meeting: 5/24

HP Council- 6/11

Text Study: 5/23, 5/30, 6/6, 6/13,

Teaching/Bible Studies

HP WELCA Bible Study- 5/3

Elstad WELCA Bible Study- 6/15

Other

Community Office hours: 5/25, 6/1, 6/8, 6/16, 6/22,

Mission Trip- 6/18-6/21

Upcoming Vacation/Continuing Ed Dates

July 14-21- Continuing Education, Chaplain at Chautauqua Institute

In Christ, Pastor Alma

Elstad Lutheran Church Council Meeting Minutes

Sunday July 9th, 2023

Elstad Lutheran Church

The meeting was called to order by President Gene Topness at 7:43 pm .

Roll call: all members were present. A Quorum was called.

The agenda was reviewed. A motion to approve the agenda was made by Christopher Nelson second by Krissy Overland. Motion passed.

There are no congressional members present to address the council.

See attachment for Pastor Alma's report,

The treasurer's report was reviewed. Krissy Overland made a motion to place the treasurer's report on file for audit at a later date and second by Kathy Abrahamson. Motion carried.

No president's report

Correspondence received:

Good Earth Village- thank you card for our donation of \$350.000

Isabell Ekstrom - thank you note for allowing her recital and graduation celebration at Elstad along with a donation for her appreciation and gratitude

Old Business:

- A. Drive through dinner update - Rushford Foods provided price quotes for 4 different meals. Elstad will plan for a pork burger dinner for late August/early September. Krissy Overland will speak with Darla from the city of Lanesboro about potential dates. Volunteers will be requested for the event.

New Business:

- A. Steeple Repair- Roman Yoder sent a message that he is hoping to be at the church for repairs in October.

Secretary's report was given. Motion to approve the report was given by Amber Arends, second by Jennifer Nepstad. Motion passed.

Motion was made by Krissy Overland to adjourn, second by Amber Arends. The meeting was adjourned at 8:24pm.

Closed in prayer by Pastor Alma.

Secretary's report submitted by Aimee Rodger

Elstad Financials for June 2023

Elstad budget for June	\$7454.83
Received May	\$ 4986.00
Under May	\$ 2468.83
Elstad Budget YTD	\$ 44728.98
Received YTD	\$ 33379.00
Under YTD	\$ 11349.98

Highland Prairie Lutheran Church Council Meeting

July 09, 2023

The meeting was called to order at 5:32 p.m. by Vice President Steve Howe

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

Devotions will be given at joint meeting.

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 \$43,960.00 expenses \$48,213.00; expenses exceed income by \$4,253.00. A motion to approve as presented was made by Mike Pepin, Val Howe seconded. Motion carried.

President's Report – None

Pastor's Report – Will be given at joint meeting

Correspondence – None

Committee Reports:

Church – Awning over kitchen door is installed.

Grounds – Lower parking lot light still needs to be repaired. Bowl clean-up prior to next outdoor worship on July 30th.

Arborvitae was removed. Bowl pavilion needs attention.

Worship –

Youth & Education –

Old Business: None

New Business: Discussion of council positions

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 5:55 p.m. was made by Mike Pepin, Val Howe seconded. Motion carried.

Respectfully submitted, Mary Gudmundson

Next Meeting is August 13th 5:30 at Highland Prairie.

Highland Prairie Financials for June 2023

YTD Income	\$ 43,960
YTD Expenses	\$ 48,213
Expenses Exceed Income	\$ 4,253
YTD Budget	\$ 53,502
YTD Income	\$ 43,960
YTD Under	\$ 9,542

AUGUST BIRTHDAYS AND ANNIVERSARIES!

All Birthdays & Anniversaries are listed according to the information on file. If you see an error please contact Lisa Chiglo ~ Email: highlandprairie_elstad@ymail.com



1~ Lori Keller
2~ Trinity Johnson
3~ Tyler Schafner
~ Abigail Bacon
4~ Jodie Daniels
~ Laramie Lind
5~ Larry Dahl
~ Michael Gudmundson
6~ Steven Good
~ Chellsey Olson
~ Kayla Nelson
~ Oliver Kendhammer
7~ Anna Kiel
~ Jens Lind
8~ Brittany Olson
10~ Gerrad Eide
~ Brady Boyum
11~ Barb Soppa
~ Shelly Berg
~ Bennette Vitse
12~ Jordan Johnson
~ Lindsay Hoinesss
13~ Karen Schumacher
~ Keith Halverson

14~ David Larson
~ Rhonda Good
~ Matthew Ehler
16~ Kenny Peterson
~ Cheryl Halverson
~ Tanya Self
~ Laci Sievers
18~ Pat Dahl
~ Darrel Highum
~ Daniel Lind
~ Ella Dammen
19~ Debbie Lawstuen
~ Monica Lee
~ Brianna Horning
20~ Thea Arends
24~ Sanna Pederson
~ Adeline Johnson
25~ Sander Michel
26~ Gene Topness
29~ Logan Rein
31~ Steve Storhoff
~ Nicole Blagsvedt

HAPPY ANNIVERSARY

4~ Gerald & Bonnie Hallum
~ Jeffrey & Sylvia Passow
6~ Roger & Sarah Bearbower
9~ Ryan & Leah Jacobson
14~ Terry & Susan Blagsvedt
15~ Erik & Kallee Nelson
16~ Christopher & Shelby Nelson
20~ Tim & Jennifer Stensgard
~ Rex & Rachel Bearbower
21~ David & Brenda Markegard
29~ Jerry & Joyce Dahl
31~ Kyle & Lisa Chiglo

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 Visit our websites at...
elstadlutheranchurch.org
highlandprairielutheranchurch.org

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
		1	2 HP WELCA Bible study—1:30 p.m. Elstad Sunday school meeting—6:00 p.m. Bulletin Deadline	3	4	5 Carolyn Sethrey Hymes Funeral—1:00 p.m. @ Elstad
6 EL—9:00 a.m. HP —10:30 a.m.	7	8	9 HP WELCA Quilting/Do Day 9:00 a.m. Bulletin Deadline	10 Youth planning meeting @ 6:30 p.m.	11	12
13 EL—9:00 a.m. HP —10:30 a.m. HP council meeting after worship	14	15	16 Bulletin Deadline	17	18 Springwood Concert @ EL 7:00 p.m.	19
20 Outdoor Parish worship @ HP 10:30 a.m. EL—Storhoff reunion	21	22	23 Bulletin & Newsletter Deadline	24	25	26
27 Parish worship @ Elstad—10:30 a.m.	28	29	30 Bulletin Deadline			

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*August ~ 2023
Newsletter*

HIGHLAND PRAIRIE
ACOLYTES/READERS/GREETERS

SUNDAY, AUGUST 6, 2023

ACOLYTE:

READER: STEVE HOWE

GREETERS:

SUNDAY, AUGUST 13, 2023

ACOLYTE:

READER: KRISTI GUDMUNDSON

GREETERS: ALLAN & KAYE

OUTDOOR PARISH WORSHIP

SUNDAY, AUGUST 20, 2023

READER: MIKE PEPIN

GREETERS: PEPIN FAMILY

SUNDAY, AUGUST 27, 2023

PARISH WORSHIP @ ELSTAD

ELSTAD
ACOLYTES/READERS/USHERS

SUNDAY, AUGUST 6, 2023

ACOLYTE:

READERS: GENE TOPNESS

GREETERS: NOLAN & NORAH EIDE

SUNDAY, AUGUST 13, 2023

ACOLYTE:

READER: MARCIA RANDALL

GREETERS:

SUNDAY, AUGUST 20, 2023

OUTDOOR PARISH WORSHIP @ HP

SUNDAY, AUGUST 27, 2023— PARISH
WORSHIP @ ELSTAD

ACOLYTE:

READERS:

GREETERS:

USHERS: GENE & VICKY TOPNESS