

Elstad ~ Highland Prairie Lutheran Parish
A Congregation of the Evangelical Lutheran Church in America
~ March 2016 ~

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Worship Schedule

March 2016

Wednesday, March 2nd

Soup Supper 6:15 p.m.

Worship at 7:00

Sunday, March 6th

8:30 a.m. Highland Prairie

9:30 a.m. Sunday school

10:30 a.m. Elstad p.m. @ Elstad

Wednesday, March 9th

Soup Supper 6:15 p.m.

Worship at 7:00 p.m. @ HP

Sunday, March 13th

8:30 a.m. Highland Prairie

9:30 a.m. Sunday school

10:30 a.m. Elstad

Wednesday, March 16th

Soup Supper starts 6:15

Worship at 7 p.m. @ Elstad

Sunday, March 20th

8:30 a.m. Highland Prairie

9:30 a.m. Sunday school

10:30 a.m. Elstad

Maundy Thursday

7:00 p.m. @ Elstad

Good Friday, March 25th

7:00 p.m. @ Highland Prairie

Easter Sunday, March 27th

7:00 a.m. Highland Prairie

9:00 a.m. Elstad

Prayer Corner

Scriptures tell us to pray without ceasing. Let's be known as a praying congregation. Please keep Eric Johnson, Ashley Bergen, Lila Jameson, Jim Wangen, Jennifer Lee, Cathy Bakke, Allene Haugstad, Eastyn Skala, David Larson and all who are ill or in need of your prayers.

~Worship Time Change~

Beginning Sunday, March 6th

Highland Prairie at 8:30 a.m.

Sunday school 9:30 a.m.

Elstad 10:30 a.m.

"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. Thank you!

Don't Forget!

Pictorial Directory

Highland Prairie—Thursday, March 3rd, Friday, March 4th, and Saturday, March 5th. You can sign up at church or on our website. Elstad—Tuesday, March 15th. Please spread the word! We would like to reach all of our Elstad-Highland Prairie families.

Elstad Contact Vicky Topness

email: vtopness@hotmail.com or (507)429-0522

Highland Prairie Contact Ann Meldahl

email: lmeldahl@acegroup.cc or (507)875-2535

Highland Prairie Upcoming Events
(Save the Date!)

Sunday, April 10th 11:00am-1:30pm Highland Prairie Meatball Dinner and Bake Sale

Saturday, April 30th 8:30am-1:00pm Highland Prairie WELCA hosting the Root River Conference WELCA Spring Gathering Lunch served by Elstad WELCA

Message from Pastor Marie

Lenten worship has always been an important time of worship for me. As a young child I remember it as a time to sing music unused the rest of the year, a time we could wear slacks to church and got to eat sandwiches after worship. (Lenten soup suppers had yet to be invented) When I had young children and before meals were served ahead of Lenten worship, the night was a rat-race. No one in my house was willing to eat and clean up in a hurry and everyone was tired before the worship began. And then Holden Evening Prayer and Soup Suppers entered my life. I thought, what more could you want in one night?

The food was helpful for a busy family, but the fellowship was the best part. Oh what a treat to sit and eat and talk with others. I ate soup and chatted with many of you last year and look forward to doing so for the remaining Wednesday nights this Lenten season.

Here are the guide lines I have developed and followed for over two decades of Lenten meals. Eat the soup that looks the least popular; it makes the cooks happy. (All the varieties served are tasty) Be careful when crumbling crackers to get as many of the crumbs in the bowl as possible; it makes clean up faster. Carry at least one soup bowl for someone else in need every week. Eat with different people each week; they will not know that you spilled food the week before. Eating with your children if they can serve and clean up for themselves is optional; a little time apart is a good thing. Introduce yourself to the people you eat with; when you introduce yourself, they will probably do the same and that's how you find out the name, you know you should know. You only have to introduce your family members if doing so is in your favor; you do not have to claim the person winning the contest to determine how many crackers fit in one teenager's mouth. Be at ease; everyone rushed to get here and is relaxing after a day's work. Remember: Hospitality is fun and Biblical; God reigns here not Martha Stewart.

Shalom Pastor Marie

[Hebrews 13:2](#) Do not neglect to show hospitality to strangers, for thereby some have entertained angels unawares.

[1 Peter 4:9](#) Show hospitality to one another without grumbling.

[Romans 12:13](#) Contribute to the needs of the saints and seek to show hospitality.

[Matthew 25:34-46](#) Then the King will say to those on his right, 'Come, you who are blessed by my Father, inherit the kingdom prepared for you from the foundation of the world. For I was hungry and you gave me food, I was thirsty and you gave me drink, I was a stranger and you welcomed me, I was naked and you clothed me, I was sick and you visited me, I was in prison and you came to me.' Then the righteous will answer him, saying, 'Lord, when did we see you hungry and feed you, or thirsty and give you drink? And when did we see you a stranger and welcome you, or naked and clothe you? ...

Elstad Quilters

Some people observe lent by Prayer – ordering our relationship with God, Fasting – getting our own house in order, and Almsgiving – reaching out to our sisters and brothers.

Our February quilting experience together upheld 2 of those 3 spiritual exercises. (It is very difficult to fast while seated at a beautiful, heavily laden pot luck table!) Our prayer was being thankful

to be chosen as God's stewards. Our Almsgiving was the work of hands preparing quilts for Lutheran World Relief. A Lenten question is often asked, "How far does your love reach? The city limits?

The county line? The Galaxy?" Together we managed to do one tiny thing for unknown needy persons on an otherwise gloomy afternoon (gloomy being on the cold side of the windows!)

A second quilting date will be on Tuesday, March 1st weather permitting. Set up time is 11 a.m., delicious pot luck lunch at 12 noon, working hands shortly after. Experience at quilting is not required as most everyone is a novice.

Coloring in coloring books is also welcome if anyone so desires that activity!!! No gifts or skills on any level are frowned upon.

Elstad Prayer Partners

March brings us to the 3rd month with a new prayer partner. There is an old country song recorded by many of the famous singers (including Elvis) entitled "Just a Little Talk With Jesus" that offers encouragement to the person who prays. Our prayers for one another need not be fancy or wordy, just a little talk mentioning the name of our prayer partner. Truly this experience in prayer is good for the fellowship of Elstad believers. This song also references the "prayer wheel turning" and as together we roll through the months of 2016, this will be a good journey.

ELSTAD WELCA MINUTES

February 7, 2016

Dorothy Evenson, Co-president opened the meeting in the name of the Father, Son and Holy Spirit. Our Statement of Purpose was read.

The secretary's report was read and approved. There was no treasurer's report.

Correspondence:

Thank you notes were read from the family of Marge Abrahamson and from the family of Merwood Storhoff.

Sunshine Committee:

Wendy Will is having surgery, Sandy Sjarpe is having health issues. Pastor Marie's mother is having tests. Larry Topness is having knee replacement surgery on Friday.

There was no old business.

New Business:

Carolyn Smith made a motion to accept the year's program for WELCA, Carol Overland seconded and the motion carried.

Dorothy called attention to the formation of a young women's circle.

The spring conference convention will be held April 30th at Highland Prairie. Elstad WELCA has been asked to serve the noon luncheon. Dianne Haight will cater the main meal and we will be asked to furnish desserts and serve the meal. Discussion was held and will be getting further details later.

The business meeting was adjourned.

Announcements:

Quilting will be February 2nd at 12:00 with a potluck. Ruth Abrahamson had written an article in the newsletter regarding quilting and Sandy Kiehl read the article.

March 6th will be our annual birthday party. Cupcakes will be ordered. The meal is potluck served by the WELCA officers.

Lenten services:

February 17th will be served by the Sunday School.

March 2nd will be served by Group 1

March 16th will be served by Group 2

We closed our meeting with a bible puzzler. We prayed the Lord's Prayer.

Servers were Ruth Abrahamson and Marilyn Soland

Respectfully Submitted, Marilyn Soland, Secretary

Elstad Annual Meeting Minutes High points
Sunday, January 31, 2016
Elstad Lutheran Church

President Larry Topness called the meeting to order and declared a quorum.

The agenda was approved with the change noted that the 2016 Elstad Constitution would be moved to the last item of new business instead of the first.

Pastor Marie gave devotions.

Pastor Marie thanked everyone for being so welcoming to her and her husband, Mark, and also for all the support given to Pastor Mioche and the Haiti mission project.

The Annual Meeting minutes of 2015 were read and approved, pending a possible correction to the paragraph regarding Well water under Old Business. It seems like the end of that sentence may be missing, as it was thought there had been a motion and vote to move forward with a compliance plan.

The Treasurer's report was read by Larry Topness. "Everything got paid". Treasurer Jennifer Nepstad was not present to clarify a couple questions, so this report will be readdressed at the continuation of today's meeting, which will be held 3/20/16.

Larry's President Report is printed in the annual report.

Duane Bakke presented the Cemetery's report and discussed some upcoming changes.

Carol Overland wanted to remind everyone that even though Elstad no longer has a formal choir organization and will not be doing fundraising, we will continue the annual Cantata and will still have the cost of music. Gifts/memorials to the choir fund to help with those costs would be appreciated.

Other reports are printed in the Annual report.

Old Business:

The Water Treatment System is now complete according to the state of Minnesota regulations and the quality of the water is good with no nitrates found.

The steeple has been repaired and should stop the water issues. If no further leaking is found, the council will move forward with fixing the front walls of the inside of the church.

New Business:

The Worship Schedule for 2016 was discussed and approved by majority vote.

The proposed budget for 2016 was approved by majority vote.

The Transition Task Force and the Call Committee are at the "jumping off point". At least one more member from Elstad would be desirable for the Call Committee.

With no other nominations from the floor, Philip Abrahamson made a motion to accept the slate of officers as presented on the ballot, seconded by Carol Overland and the motion carried.

The proposed updated Elstad Constitution was given preliminary approval with final ratification to be voted on when this annual meeting is reconvened.

The meeting was then recessed and will resume under new President Dick Haight on March 20, 2016.

Notes taken by Council Trustee Vicky Topness in Secretary Michelle Rein's absence.

Elstad budget
January 2016

Elstad budget for January 2016	\$7081.50
Received in January	7085.00
Over	3.50

**Highland Prairie
Annual Meeting Highlights ~ January 24, 2016**

The 2016 meeting moved along quickly and efficiently with President Gordon at the wheel.

The usual reports were given and approved.

President Gordon reported on the work being done around the church and parsonage; he thanked everyone for their help. One thing in particular was the removal of the carpet in the parsonage was almost done and the wood floors look pretty good underneath.

Deb Book reported on the membership review committees work. They have prepared a very detailed membership report that is still in progress and will be ongoing.

Sarah Bearbower reported on the constitution review and encouraged everyone to read the new proposed constitution.

Gerry Hallum gave a report on the bell and the expense to fix it or replace it. Also, he thanked all of the cemetery board members for their hard work and generosity.

Submitted by Highland Prairie Council Secretary, Kyle Chiglo.

**Highland Prairie Lutheran Church
Council Meeting Highlights ~ February 14, 2016**

Old Business:

*Elevator possibilities were discussed as to feasibility and cost. More information is going to be sought.

*The upkeep of the grounds was discussed in relation to the Ash trees that are found around the campus.

New Business:

*Good Earth Village campership fees were discussed. *The Endowment Fund and members were discussed and clarification needed. *Moving forward on our Mission Statement was discussed.

Submitted by Highland Prairie Council Secretary, Becky Lind.

**Highland Prairie WELCA
March Activities**

Wednesday, March 2 nd	12:30pm	Meeting/Bible Study (Gather series) at church
Monday, March 7 th	2:00pm	Good Shepherd Lutheran Home Birthday Party
Wednesday, March 9 th	9:30am	Quilting/Projects/Potluck
Wednesday, March 9 th	6:15pm	Lenten Service Soup Supper
Sunday, March 6 th , 13 th , 20 th		Fellowship Hour after Worship Services
Friday, March 18 th	9:00am-9:00pm	Spring Quilting and Craft Frolic/Potluck
Saturday, March 19 th	8:30am-5:00pm	Spring Quilting and Craft Frolic/Potluck
Sunday, March 27 th		Happy Easter!

Spring Quilting and Craft Frolic

March 18-19 at Highland Prairie Fellowship Hall. Friday 9 to 9 and Saturday 8:30 to 5. Bring your own projects to work on. Potluck meals. If you don't have a project to work on come and see what the others are doing and visit!!! Everyone welcome. Hope to see you there! Any questions call Cathy Bakkum 864-7892.

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Elstad

President- Dick Haight
V-President- Pr. Kay Wold
Secretary- Michelle Rein
Treasurer- Jennifer Nepstad
Trustees- John Rein (17)
Jodie Daniels (18)
Rachel Bearbower (19)

Board of Education

Michelle Rein (17)
Carolyn Freese (18)
Jodie Daniels (19)

Board of Life & Growth

Carolyn Smith (17) Darlys Storhoff (17)
Dorothy Evenson (18) Larry & Deb Topness (18)

Synod Assembly Voting Members

Tom & Carolyn Smith

Synod Assembly Alternates

Larry & Deb Topness

Head Ushers

Mike Chiglo, Jerry Evenson, David Bakke, Robert Knutson, John Overland, Gene Topness, Tom Smith

World Hunger Representatives

Philip & Ruth Abrahamson (17)

Auditors

John Abrahamson (17) Tom Dybing (19)

Cemetery Board

Rich Nepstad (17)
Duane Bakke (18)
David Lawstuen (19)

Highland Prairie

President- Kyle Chiglo
V-President- Sarah Bearbower
Secretary- Becky Lind
Treasurer- Karen Bakken
Trustees- Lyle Meldahl (17) Steve Howe (17)
Allan Skalet (18) Kaye Dahl (18)
Tim Stensgard (19) Chris Hoiland (19)

Board of Education

Kristi Gudmundson (17)
Sharon Boyum (18)
Ann Hoiland (19)

Synod Voting Assembly Members

Lyle & Ann Meldahl

Good Shepherd Delegates

Norma Halverson - JoAnn Anderson

Head Ushers

Elvin Paulson - Steve Howe

Endowment Committee

Allan Skalet (16) Nancy Rustad (16)
Val Gudmundson (16) Scott Bestul (17)
Val Howe (19)

Auditors

Val Howe (16)
Deb Book (18)
Lynnette Pederson (19)

Cemetery Board

Elvin Paulson () Chuck Pederson ()
Glenn Peterson () Robert Anfinson ()
Ellen Eide ()

MARCH 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

**Happy
BIRTHday**

2~ Sharon Knutson
~ Mark Johnson
~ Lexus Volkman
3~ Kristopher Gudmundson
~ Rebecca Wangen
~ Gavin Wangen
4~ Tanya Wolfs
~ Jeremy Berge
6~ Treyton Wangen
~ Ava Fox
8~ Aaron Dybing
~ Isaac Freese
~ Norah Eide
9~ Philip Abrahamson
~ Mariah Mierau
~ Brittany Fretland
~ Mathew Gudmundson
12~ Jerry Evenson
~ Mitchell Lee
13~ Mary McHan
~ Brian Paulson
~ Tyler Dahl

14~ Ellen Shofner
16~ Duane Bakke
17~ Caryn Butler
~ Taylor Gravos
18~ Helen Jacobson
19~ Kay Howe
~ Kris Youngquist
20~ Robert Anfinson
~ Elizabeth McHan
~ Jonah Sievers
21~ Cammy Johnson
22~ Sandy Sjarpe
~ Sarah Bearbower
~ Kjersta Lind
23~ Sharon Ehler
~ Julie Ekstrom
25~ Matthew Brookins
27~ Sandra Overland
~ Ben Markegard
28~ Pernella Landsverk
~ Tom Smith
~ Wendy Overland
~ Naomi Howe
~ Channing Lind
29~ Brianna Koop
31~ Guthrie Johnson

**Happy
Anniversary**

20~ Robert & Caroline
Anfinson
24~ Robert & Shelly Nelson

MARCH 2016

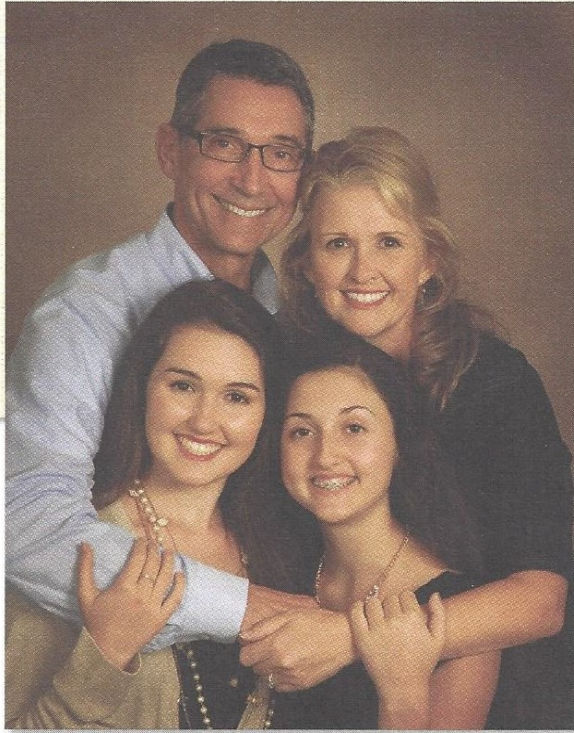
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Visit our websites at...

elstadlutheranchurch.org

highlandprairielutheranchurch.org

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
		1	2 <i>Lenten Service</i> EL- 7:00 p.m. 6:15 soup supper HP-Bible study 12:30 Bulletin Deadline	3 <i>Picture Day @ HP. 2-9 p.m.</i> <i>EL-Elizabeth circle, Park Lane 9:30 a.m.</i>	4 <i>Picture Day @ HP. 2-9 p.m.</i> <i>World Day of Prayer 1:00 p.m. at Bethlehem Lutheran Church-Lanesboro</i>	5 <i>Picture Day @ HP. 9-3:30</i>
6 HP-8:30 a.m. SS- 9:30 a.m. EL- 10:30 a.m. EL All Church Birthday Party	7 <i>GSLH Birthday Party 2:00 p.m.</i>	8	9 <i>HP-Quilting 9:30</i> <i>Lenten Service HP- 7:00 p.m.</i> 6:15 soup supper Bulletin Deadline	10	11	12
13 HP-8:30 a.m. SS- 9:30 a.m. EL- 10:30 a.m. Council Meetings @ HP EL. 5:30 p.m. Parish 7:00 HP after Parish	14	15 <i>Picture Day @ EL. 2-9 p.m.</i>	16 <i>Lenten Service EL- 7:00 p.m.</i> 6:15 soup supper Bulletin Deadline	17	18 <i>HP-Quilting & Crafting frolic</i> Newsletter Deadline	19 <i>HP-Quilting & Crafting frolic</i>
20 Palm Sunday HP-8:30 a.m. SS- 9:30 a.m. EL- 10:30 a.m. EL-Resume Annual Meeting	21	22	23 Bulletin Deadline	24 Maundy Thursday — EL- 7:00 p.m.	25 Good Friday HP- 7:00 p.m.	26
27 Easter Sunday HP-7:00 a.m. EL- 9:00 a.m.	28 <i>GSLH Annual Mtg. 7:00 p.m.</i>	29	30 Bulletin Deadline	31		



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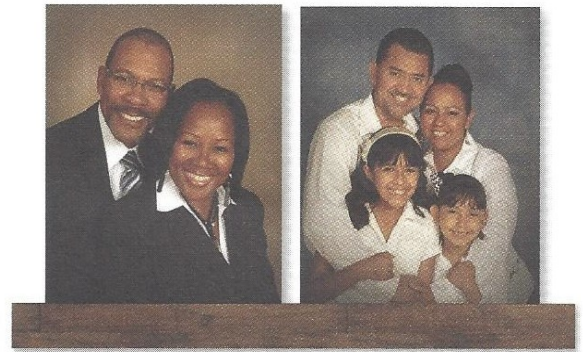
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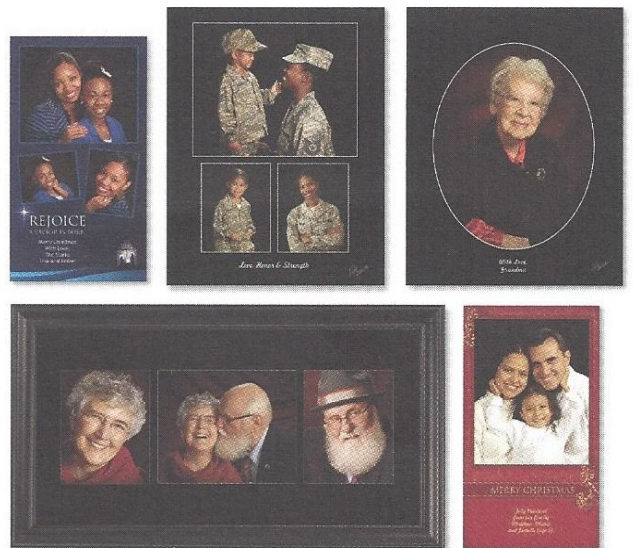
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HIGHLAND PRAIRIE
ACOLYTES/READERS/GREETERS

SUNDAY, MARCH 6, 2016

ACOLYTES: JONAH SIEVERS, HALE STENSGARD

READERS: JONAH SIEVERS, BECKY LIND

GREETERS: ROGER & SARAH BEARBOWER

WEDNESDAY, MARCH 9, 2016

WORSHIP AT 7:00 P.M.

SUNDAY, MARCH 13, 2016

ACOLYTES: HALE STENSGARD, JENS LIND

READERS: HALE STENSGARD, SHARON EHLE

GREETERS: GORDON & ARLENE JOHNSON

SUNDAY, MARCH 20, 2016

ACOLYTES: JENS LIND, TRENTEN CHIGLO

READERS: JENS LIND, SCOTT BESTUL

GREETERS: LYLE & ANN MELDAHL

GOOD FRIDAY, MARCH 25, 2016

ACOLYTES: TRENTEN CHIGLO, BRADY STENSGARD

READERS: TRENTEN CHIGLO, ARLENE JOHNSON

GREETERS: SHARON & PAUL EHLE

EASTER SUNDAY, MARCH 27, 2016

ACOLYTES: BRADY STENSGARD, PAULA HOWE

READERS: BRADY STENSGARD, SYLVIA MARKEGARD

GREETERS: DOUG LIND FAMILY

ELSTAD
ACOLYTE/READER/USHERS

WEDNESDAY, MARCH 2, 2016

WORSHIP AT ELSTAD 7:00 P.M.

SUNDAY, MARCH 6, 2016

READER: JOHN ABRAHAMSON

SUNDAY, MARCH 13, 2016

READER: TOM DYBING

WEDNESDAY, MARCH 16, 2016

WORSHIP AT 7:00 P.M.

SUNDAY, MARCH 20, 2016

ACOLYTE: WISLON STORHOFF

READERS: WILSON STORHOFF, PETER HOLM

EASTER SUNDAY, MARCH 27, 2016

READER: CAROLYN SMITH

USHERS: JERRY EVENSON, JOHN OVERLAND, DUANE BAKKE, TOM DYBING, KYLE BEARBOWER, LARRY TOPNESS