

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

~ June 2023 ~

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**June Worship
Schedule**

Sunday, June 4, 2023

The Holy Trinity

Elstad—9:00 a.m.

Highland Prairie—10:30 a.m.

Genesis 1:1-2:4a

Psalms 8

2 Corinthians 13:11-13

Matthew 28:16-20

Sunday, June 11, 2023

Time after Pentecost

Elstad—9:00 a.m.

Highland Prairie—10:30 a.m.

Hosea 5:15—6:6

Psalms 50:7-15

Romans 4:13-25

Matthew 9:9-13, 18-26

Sunday, June 18, 2023

Time after Pentecost

Elstad—9:00 a.m.

Highland Prairie—10:30 a.m.

Exodus 19:2-8a

Psalms 100

Romans 5:1-8

Matthew 9:35—10:8 [10:9-23]

Sunday, June 25, 2023

Time after Pentecost

Outdoor Parish Worship

Highland Prairie—10:30 a.m.

Jeremiah 20:7-13

Psalms 69:7-10 [11-15] 16-18

Romans 6:1b-11

Matthew 10:24-39

Happy June!

Starting this month, I am going to start answering questions that y'all have for me. I will have "Ask the Pastor" squares at church and would love to hear your questions for me. I only offer the same two "guidelines" that I ask of the confirmation students. 1) You can ask me anything...just keep it "appropriate" and 2) You can ask, but I may not answer.

So for June...a few questions I have gotten recently

Where did you get your education?

I did my undergraduate degree at Luther College in Decorah and got a Bachelors of Art in Social Work. I complete my graduate work at Lutheran School of Theology in Chicago where I got my Master's of Divinity with an interfaith emphasis. After my Masters, I did a year long chaplaincy residency with Catholic Health Initiative in Omaha, NE.

Why did you become a pastor?

When I finished my degree in Social Work, I loved the lens it gave me for seeing the world but often felt that faith was left out and I wanted to combine the world view of social work with the world view of faith and being a pastor was a place that I could do that. I also feel a deep call to walk with people and remind them that in the ups and downs, they are beloveds of God .

What are community office hours? Will you still be in your office?

I decided to start doing community office hours because sometimes coming to the pastor's office can be intimidating and I want to be in a place where you can just come and tell me about yourself! I love sitting and getting to know people and would love to hear your story so most Thursday's I will be hanging out somewhere in our community. I will still be in my office at Highland Prairie on most Wednesdays. If you want me to visit, or you want to talk to me outside of these days, please let me know and we will find time!

What are your dreams for Highland Prairie and Elstad?

My dreams for our churches are that we continue to listen for the ways that God is calling us to serve all of creation and be God's hands and feet in this world.

That's all for this month. Please send your questions about me, about God, about our church or anything else so I can keep answering them!

Peace dear ones!

Prayer Corner

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

Community
Office Hours

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| June 1 | Burdy's Cafe-Petersen |
| June 8 | Jesse Street Java-Rushford |
| June 16 | Home Sweet Home-Lanesboro |
| June 22 | Jesse Street-Java |

Come and visit with Pastor Alma. I will be at the above locations from 10-2. Please note that June 16th is a Friday not the normal Thursday

June Council Meeting at Highland Prairie Sunday, June 11, 2023

Highland Prairie Council—5:30 p.m.

Highland Prairie Financials for April 2023

| | |
|------------------------|-----------|
| YTD Income | \$ 37,077 |
| YTD Expenses | \$ 30,374 |
| Expenses Exceed Income | \$ 6,703 |
| YTD Budget | \$ 35,668 |
| YTD Income | \$ 37,077 |
| YTD Under | \$ 1,409 |

Elstad Financials for April 2023

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|-------------------------|-------------|
| Elstad budget for April | \$7454.83 |
| Received April | \$ 6837.00 |
| Under April | \$ 617.83 |
| Elstad Budget YTD | \$ 29819.32 |
| Received YTD | \$ 23809.00 |
| Under YTD | \$ 6010.32 |

Elstad-Highland Prairie Lutheran Church Joint Council Meeting

May 21, 2023

The meeting was called to order at 6:31 p.m. by President Kyle Chiglo.

Council Members Kathy Abrahamson, Amber Arends, Chris Nelson, Jennifer Nepstad, Gene Topness, Robert Anfinson, Karen Bakken, Mary Gudmundson, Steve Howe, David Markegard, Lyle Meldahl and Mike Pepin were present. Sharon Ehler, Val Howe, Krissy Overland, and Aimee Rodgers were absent.

A quorum was determined and a motion to approve the agenda as presented was made by Gene Topness, Steve Howe seconded. Motion carried.

Devotions were given by Pastor Alma

No visitors were present

There were no Presidents' Reports

Pastor's Report – Pastor Alma

Youth Report – 3 students attending June mission trip to Minneapolis

No Correspondence received

Old Business:

Garden Committee – Hosta's were planted in bowl, rock garden status unknown

Call Committee – Progressing forward, Ministry Site Profile is being worked on, Barb Streed will be meeting with us again soon for the next step.

Gutter Guards – Contact made, however no date has been set for installation.

New Business:

Heating & Cooling system in Parsonage. Received estimate from Kingsley Mercantile – Option 1 - 2 zone mini split system 3 ton 1 1/2 ton zone \$10,601.00, Option 2 3 ton 2 1 1/2 ton zones \$9679.00. Does not include electrician costs. Parsonage Committee will research further for July joint council meeting.

Stewardship conversation – Pastor Alma would like to have Pastor Emily Carson from Synod Office provide information for a presentation on Rally Sunday. Will discuss further at July joint council meeting.

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

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

Next joint meeting will be at 6:30 pm on July 9, 2023 at Elstad

Elstad Lutheran Church Council Meeting Minutes
Sunday May 21, 2023
Highland Prairie Lutheran Church

The meeting was called to order by President Gene Topness at 5:37pm .

Roll call: Missing: Krissy Overland & Aimee Rodger. A Quorum was called.

The agenda was reviewed. A motion to approve the revised agenda was made by Kathy Abrahamson second by Christopher Nelson. Motion passed.

There are no congressional members present to address the council.

The treasurer's report was reviewed and placed on file for audit at a later date. A motion to approve the treasurer's report was made by Christopher Nelson & Second by Kathy Abrahamson. Motion passed.

The president's report: None

Correspondence received: none

Old Business:

- a. Steeple repairs: no updates from Roman Yoder since the last meeting.
- b. Basement lights: have been replaced. Gene will inquire about costs to replace the rest of the lights with LED.
- c. Fundraisers: Drive through meal at Sylvan Park on a Wednesday night. Krissy will reach out to Rushford foods for available dates. Potential meal: pork chops, potato of some sort, bun, brownies, cookies.
- d. Update on church repairs: Tyler Johnson has been laid up with an injury.
- e. Front Cement & Steps: Lance Papenfus will be doing the repairs on Thursday, May 25th 2023.
- f. Ceiling in the upstairs balcony: needs to be replaced and will be discussed in future meetings

New Business:

- a. Stewardship: Pastor Alma has some ideas on how to communicate with the congregation the importance of offering our services and money.

Secretary's report was given. Motion was given by Jennifer Nepstad, second by Kathy Abrahamson. Motion passed.

Motion was made by Christopher Nelson to adjourn, second by Jennifer Nepstad. The meeting was adjourned at 6:13pm.

Closed in prayer by Pastor Alma.

Secretary's report submitted by Amber Arends

Highland Prairie Lutheran Church Council Meeting

May 21, 2023

The meeting was called to order at 7:30 p.m. by President Kyle Chiglo.

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

Devotions were given at Joint Council meeting.

A quorum was determined, and a motion to approve the agenda as presented was made by Steve 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 \$37,077.00 expenses \$30,374.00; income exceeds expenses by \$6,703.00. A motion to approve as presented was made by Steve Howe, David Markegard seconded. Motion carried.

President's Report – None

Pastor's Report – Given at Joint Council meeting

Correspondence – None

Committee Reports:

Church – Fire extinguishers have been replaced. AED's will need to be replaced.

Grounds – Arborvitae removal needed. Newly planted tree bags need water or not?

Worship – Pentecost

Youth & Education – Spark series will be used next year and teachers will need to be recruited

Old Business: Gutter update given at joint meeting

Ball field trees have been trimmed up, barbed wire along chain link fence in right field needs to be removed. Keys, locks have been tried and they are working but do work hard.

New Business: Stewardship conversation discussed at joint meeting.

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

A motion to adjourn with the Lord's Prayer at 8:16 p.m. was made by Steve Howe, Lyle Meldahl seconded. Motion carried.

Respectfully submitted, Mary Gudmundson

Next Meeting is June 11th 5:30 at Highland Prairie.

JUNE 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@yahoo.com

HAPPY BIRTHDAY!

1~ Ron Stensgard
 ~ Janette Dragvold
 ~ Madalynn Keller
 3~ Glen Bakken
 ~ Ruth Moraski
 ~ Sommer Johnson
 4~ Lynnette Pederson
 ~ Andrew Bacon
 5~ Tony Knutson
 ~ Siena Heydt-Nelson
 8~ Jason Dragvold
 ~ Kortnie Woxland
 9~ Richard Todd
 ~ Christopher Berge
 10~ Julie Koop
 11~ Bob Brand
 ~ Jessica Rebhahn
 ~ Lisa Chiglo
 12~ Jay Dahl
 ~ Elissa Beach
 ~ Carter Ask
 ~ Adam James
 13~ David Lombard
 14~ Riley Koop
 15~ Tom Dybing
 ~ Chris Schwichtenberg
 ~ Andrea Waldron

16~ Paul Ehler
 ~ Sawyer Nelson
 17~ Tate Lind
 18~ Alison Freese
 ~ Wilson Storhoff
 19~ Julie Dragvold
 ~ Allyson Christian
 21~ Tony Semmen
 22~ Kalin Dahl
 ~ Annabelle Christian
 23~ Scott Meldahl
 ~ Rebekah Solum
 24~ Jeffrey Self
 25~ Cindy Howe
 ~ Sari Rein
 ~ Kyson Klug
 26~ Kim Halverson
 27~ Dick Haight
 ~ Cathy Bakkum
 ~ Deb Topness
 ~ Andrew Nepstad
 28~ Kristi Berge
 ~ Michael Evenson
 ~ Avalon Jacobson
 29~ Lori Bakke
 ~ Charles Mierau
 ~ David Howe
 ~ Kari Drinkall
 ~ Jessie Rustad
 ~ Joshua Howe
 30~ David McHan
 ~ Bryce Peterson

HAPPY Anniversary

7~ Mike & Brenda Chiglo
 9~ Richard & Jennifer
 Nepstad
 20~ Ron & Martha
 Stensgard
 21~ Murt & Sharon Boyum
 ~ Erik & Lisa Sievers
 25~ Truman & Pat Dahl
 ~ Duane & Angle Bakke
 27~ Steven & Lynn Ryan
 29~ Glen & Karen Bakken
 30~ John & Jennifer
 DeGeorge

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| SUN | MON | TUE | WED | THU | FRI | SAT |
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| | | | | 1 Pr. Alma @ Burdy's | 2 | 3 |
| 4 EL—9:00 a.m. HP —10:30 a.m. | 5 | 6 | 7 HP WELCA Bible study— 1:30 p.m. Bulletin Deadline | 8 Pr. Alma @ Jesse street Java | 9 | 10 |
| 11 EL—9:00 a.m. HP —10:30 a.m. HP Council Mtg 5:30 p.m. @ HP | 12 | 13 | 14 HP WELCA Quilting/Do Day 9:00 a.m. Bulletin Deadline | 15 | 16 Pr. Alma @ Home Sweet Home | 17 |
| 18 EL—9:00 a.m. HP —10:30 a.m. | 19 Newsletter Deadline | 20 | 21 Bulletin Deadline | 22 Pr. Alma @ Jesse Street Java | 23 | 24 |
| 25 Outdoor Parish Worship @ HP 10:30 a.m. | 26 | 27 | 28 Bulletin Deadline | 29 | 30 | |

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HIGHLAND PRAIRIE
ACOLYTES/READERS/GREETERS

SUNDAY, JUNE 4, 2023

ACOLYTE:

READERS: LYNNETTE PEDERSON

GREETERS: CHELLSEY OLSON

SUNDAY, JUNE 11, 2023

ACOLYTE:

READERS: ARLENE JOHNSON

GREETERS: SHARON BOYUM

SUNDAY, JUNE 18, 2023

ACOLYTE:

READERS: STEVE HOWE

GREETERS: VAL HOWE

SUNDAY, JUNE 25, 2023 ~

OUTDOOR PARISH WORSHIP

READERS: MARY GUDMUNDSON

GREETERS: SHARON EHLE

ELSTAD
ACOLYTES/READERS/USHERS

SUNDAY, JUNE 4, 2023

ACOLYTE:

READERS: CAROLYN SMITH, GENE TOPNESS

GREETERS: GORDON & GLEE CLAUSSEN

SUNDAY, JUNE 11, 2023

ACOLYTE: NOLAN EIDE, NORAH EIDE

READERS: STEVE STORHOFF, MARCIA RANDALL

GREETERS: CAROL FOGAL, CAROL DIXON

SUNDAY, JUNE 18, 2023

ACOLYTE:

READERS: TOM DYBING, VICKY TOPNESS

GREETERS: TOM & CAROLYN SMITH

SUNDAY, JUNE 25, 2023

OUTDOOR PARISH WORSHIP @ HP

USHERS: DICK & DIANE HAIGHT