

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

~ August 2015 ~

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Worship Schedule

August 2015

Sunday, August 2

Worship at Elstad
10:00 a.m.

Sunday, August 9

Outdoor Worship
10:00 a.m. at
Highland Prairie

Sunday, August 16

Worship at Elstad
10:00 a.m.

Sunday, August 23

Worship 10:00 a.m.
at Highland Prairie

Sunday, August 30

Worship at Elstad
10:00 a.m.
Music Festival

Did you know there are restrictions for how far one can travel on Sunday? Well, technically the restrictions are for the Sabbath and were written for God's people 1000's of years ago when they lived only in Israel. People were to walk no further than 2000 cubits (a little over ½ mile) or it became work which dishonored the Sabbath Day and we all know that we are to Remember or Honor the Sabbath Day. (3rd commandment)

Faithful Jews of the Old Testament times and Orthodox Jews of today identify 39* different things considered work and therefore not to be done on Sabbath; the day of worship and rest.

Some protestants, like many of our ancestors who settled the Great Plains, also observed the idea of not working on the day of worship as closely as possible. For farmers like our ancestors, that meant feeding the livestock on Saturday and placing the Sunday food nearby so the animals could be fed on Sunday with as little effort as possible. In the house it meant cooking enough on Saturday for two days and eating cold food on Sunday. In the winter it meant carrying in enough wood for the Sunday fires on Saturday. All the advance preparations and catching up necessary to avoid working on the day of worship made Sunday a hardship and day people often resented.

God rested after a week of hard work creating the universe and blessed the day and declared it holy. (Gen 2:1-3)

I think that God intended for our bodies, minds and spirits to take a break not work harder. It's summer in Minnesota, enjoy God's good creation. Enjoy your work, enjoy your play. Work hard at your job, work hard playing. The Sabbath is created to enjoy and be with those you love and who love you. That means you get to spend time with God who loves you and with those you love. Hopefully spending time with God is not a chore you have grown to resent. The Sabbath is not an additional chore; it is a gift of rest. Enjoy the day/s you have off each week and the weeks you have off each year. If God could take a break so can you. God's command to take a Sabbath break is a gift to enhance life. So treat yourself to a Sabbath Break!

Shalom Pastor Marie

The 39 types of work not to be done on the Sabbath:

sowing, plowing, reaping, binding sheaves, threshing, winnowing, selecting, grinding, sifting, kneading, baking, shearing wool, washing wool, beating wool, dyeing wool, spinning, weaving, making two loops, weaving two threads, separating two threads, tying, untying, sewing two stitches, tearing, trapping, slaughtering, flaying, salting meat, curing hide, scraping hide, cutting hide up, writing two letters, erasing two letters, building, tearing a building down, extinguishing a fire, kindling a fire, hitting with a hammer, taking an object from the private domain to the public, or transporting an object in the public domain.

Prayer Corner

Scriptures tell us to pray without ceasing. Let's be known as a praying congregation. Please keep Allen & Kay Howe, Josh & Steve Howe, Brogan Lee, Eric Johnson, Don Anderson, Ashley Bergen, Carol Eggert, Arlan Peterson, Gunnar, Linda Wilson, Richard Lombard, Lila Jameson, Elaine Holm, Ladd Gorman, James Wangen, Enid Dunn Family, Dagny Anderson, Richard Orchard, and all who are ill or in need of your prayers.

Elstad Prayer Partners

Some people call it the Leon Day. (Actually Noel spelled backwards!) Leon day is the half way mark to Christmas Day on the calendar, June 25th. Of course merchants are quick to grasp this time of year in preparations for the Christmas season. If you are a hand crafter this is a signal to get those projects started.. At Elstad idea plans are also under way for acknowledging half way to Christmas time. By mid- November the invitations for the Christmas Tea should be "in the mail" or at least in your hands. These invitations will include the instructions necessary for the revealing of your prayer partner 2015. With that goal on the horizon we still must keep praying for our sister partners in faith, believing that our Lord is doing a meaningful work in her life. Remember that we strive to be an inclusive group of women. All are welcome to our meetings and activities. The Christmas Tea is no exception. This tea is the most "fun" meeting of the year.. Dear friends... Happy half way to Christmas 2015! Happy Leon day a little late...Leon day was actually June 25th. Before we know it we will be gathering around the tea pots, sipping great tea with tasty treats and having a jolly good time.

Mark your calendars for the 3rd Annual Music Festival at Elstad on August 30th at 10:00 a.m.

Our program will be by the Beaver Creek Band, a gospel music group from Waverly, IA. A pot luck lunch, furnished by the Elstad ladies, will be served following the program. The servers for that day will be Angel Bakke, Glee Claussen, Sandy Kiel, Norine Ask, Debbie Lawstuen, and Elaine Holm. A silent auction will also be held from 11:00 a.m. – 1:00 p.m. Elstad ladies, be thinking about something you could donate to the silent auction and let either Vicky Topness or Kathy Abrahamson know if you will be donating. It promises to be a fun day that you won't want to miss!!

~ 2015 Good Shepherd Golf Classic ~

**Saturday, August 8th
Ferndale Country Club**

Three person scramble format– 3 flights–Men, Women or mixed teams

Each 1st place team wins \$300 cash. One \$5000 Hole-in-One prize first round & one in the second round. For more information please contact Lee @ (507) 864-7714 or Email: lhumble@goodshepherdushford.org

CAR SHOW
August 9th
Highland Prairie
Church

43267 Bowl Dr.
Peterson, MN 55962
(I-90 East, MN 43 South, Hwy 37 West)

Everyone Welcome
Free Admission

Display your Classic Car
Car Show 11:00 - 2:00 pm
Plenty of Parking on Grass No Gravel
Lunch Available 11:00 - 1:00

Contact:
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Cruise the Lanesboro
and Peterson area.
Stop by the church for
a bite to eat and enjoy
the car show!



Highland Prairie Rally Sunday

Rally Sunday, September 13th

Please join us to welcome the children back to Sunday school.
Worship in "Bowl" this Sunday! Worship time 9:00 a.m.

Baby Shower for Sawyer James Nelson
(son of Christopher & Shelby Nelson)

Please join us to celebrate the birth of Sawyer at the Scheie Church on August 9, 2-4 p.m. Everyone is invited
the newest member of our family!

Registered at Babies 'r' Us – Target—Amazon

Elstad – Highland Prairie Parish Council Highlights
July, 19, 2015

Pastor Marie's report: Discussion on council minutes; how to proceed with publication in newsletter. We will include meeting highlights in printed newsletter and the newsletter online will have full council minutes after they have been approved.

Transition Task Force Committee has been selected and approved by the parish council. The list of members will be in the August newsletter.

Contracting for Heat- Gordon shared information with the council this may be the best time to contract to get the lowest price possible.

Elstad Council Highlights
July 19, 2015

June Secretary's report not available for approval

Treasurer's report presented and placed on file

Elstad Congregation received a thank you from the Southeastern Minnesota Synod of the ELCA Commending the congregation for Mission Support in amount of \$9300

Water Treatment has been completed and we've received a verbal okay that our drinking water is now safe. The grant money has been received.

Steeple/gutter/wall repair is still in the process of completion.

The Elstad Constitution has been re-typed with the recommended changes/updates from Pastor Wangberg of the SEMN ELCA Synod office. Jennifer handed out copies to review and approve before sending it back to Pastor Wangberg for additional comments.

A Transition Task Force composed of four Elstad members and five Highland Prairie members has been put together and will be discussed and approved at the Joint Council meeting. A list of Transition Task Force members can be found elsewhere in the newsletter.

Before calling our next Pastor, it has been recommended that we go through our membership lists and try to come up with more accurate numbers of active members, inactive members, contributing non-members and associate members. The council will start by getting lists from Lisa Chiglo, Parish secretary, and comparing membership lists with our mailing list.

Highlights of council meetings will now be published in the next newsletter to avoid delay while waiting for the next council meeting to approve the official minutes. We will include meeting highlights in printed newsletter and the newsletter online will have full council minutes after they have been approved.

Elstad Budget

Elstad budget for June	\$ 7804.83
Received June	\$ 5856.00
Under for May	\$ 1948.83
YTD Budget	\$ 46828.98
Received YTD	\$ 33219.00
Under YTD	\$ 13609.98

Highland Prairie Council Highlights
July 19, 2015

Congregation Member: Sharon Ehler addressed the council about setting up for “Bowl Services.”
More help is needed

Old Business:

Window update: The installation of window in stairway is almost finished, We need to stain the trim and paint.

Update on Marquee: Kyle has contacted Dave Lind about making a sign; Charles Pederson will contact Kelly’s for another estimate.

New Business:

Car Show for August 9th: Al and Charles will be available to assist with parking the cars for the car show.

Highland Prairie Financials
For June 2015

YTD Income	\$ 49,574
YTD Expenses	\$ 33,464
Income exc. Expenses	\$ 16,110
YTD Budget	\$44,750
YTD Income	\$ 49,574
YTD Over	\$ 4,824

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Transition Task Force Committee 2015

Chair Person– Tom Dybing (Elstad)

Joyce Dahl (Highland Prairie)

Jodie Daniels (Elstad-Council member)

Kristi Gudmundson (Highland Prairie)

Brad Hoiness (Highland Prairie)

David Lawstuen (Elstad)

Charles Pederson (Highland Prairie-Council member)

Nancy Rustad (Highland Prairie)

Steve Storhoff (Elsatd)

Lutheran World Relief kits

Soap

Bath sized bars (4 to 5oz) in its original wrapping, only new bars of any brand

Baby Care Kits

Two lightweight cotton T-shirts (no Onesies)
Two long or short sleeved gowns for sleepers (without feet)
Two receiving blankets, medium weight cotton or flannel up to 52" square
Four cloth diapers, flat fold preferred
One jacket, sweater or sweatshirt with a hood, or include a baby cap
Two pairs of socks
One hand towel, dark color recommended
Two bath size bars (4 to 5 Oz) of gentle soap, in original wrapping
Two diaper pins or large safety pins

School Kits

Four 70 sheet notebooks (280-300 sheets total) of wide or college ruled paper – no loose leaf paper
One 30 centimeter ruler or a ruler with centimeters on one side and inches on the other
One pencil sharpener
One pair of blunt scissors
Five unsharpened #2 pencils with erasers; secure together with a rubber band
Five black or blue ballpoint pens (no gel ink); secure together with a rubber band
One box of 16 or 24 crayons
One 2 ½ " eraser
One sturdy backpack approximately 14" x 17: with shoulder straps (no standard backpacks)

Quilts

Completed edge 60" x 80"

Fabric Kits

Two pieces of cotton or cotton-blend fabric (no knits or 100% polyester)
Sizes: 2 1/2 yards x 60 " OR 3 yards x 44" OR 4 yards x 36"
Two spools of neutral colored, general purpose thread, 250-300 yards each

Personal Care Kits

One light weight bath towel (between 20" x 40" OR 52" x 27" dark color recommended)
Two bath sized (4 to 5 oz) soap of any brand in original wrapping
One adult sized tooth brush in original packaging
1 sturdy comb – remove packaging
One metal nail clippers (attached file optional) remove packaging

DEVOTIONAL PRACTICES

BY BISHOP STEVEN DELZER

What devotional or prayer practices do you use to nurture your spirit? If you'd be interested in sharing, email me at: delzer@semnsynod.org. With a sense of humility let me share with you my devotional and prayer practices.

Morning works best for me. I usually get up around 5:00AM, a practice I began when my children were little. As I settle into my favorite chair in my favorite room (our sunroom) it almost feels like settling into the lap of God. For several years I have followed the practice of reading through the entire Bible over a two year period. I will admit that I tend to skim over the genealogies and detailed descriptions of the tabernacle (and temple) and all of its accoutrements. But I love the stories in both the Old and New Testaments. One of the delightful things about this practice is that every time I read through the Bible again I see something new, or I see something in a new light. I guess that's what makes it such a timeless book.

Prayer is the other part of my morning devotional time. I find it helpful to maintain a prayer list as a reminder to me of the people who have asked me to pray for them, and the people for whom I have said I will pray. The list also keeps before me the events, plans, concerns, etc. about which I want to pray. From time to time I like to add something new or different to my devotional time. For the past few months I have been using two little books that I have grown to appreciate and even love: *The Quiet Eye—A Way of Looking at Pictures*, by Sylvia Shaw Judson; and *99 Blessings—An Invitation to Life*, by Brother David Steindl-Rast. *The Quiet Eye* is a collection of 33 pictures that cover a wide spectrum of both ancient and modern subjects and styles, accompanied by quotations from a variety of writers, poets, playwrights, and philosophers. You are invited to simply reflect on what you see and read. *99 Blessings* is a "patchwork quilt of blessings (intended to) sharpen your taste for the gift of life in its innumerable facets."

One of the delightful things about using these two little books together is that sometimes the picture, the quotation, and the blessing coincide in a beautiful way. Here is one example: on this particular day the picture in *The Quiet Eye* was the "Meeting of St. Anthony and St. Paul," by the Italian painter Sassetta. St. Anthony and St. Paul are embracing. The quote is "May the Lord bless thee and keep thee," from the Bible (Numbers 6:24). When looking at the picture it is hard to tell whether they are embracing as they say "Hello," or as they say "Goodbye." On this same day the blessing (#13) in *99 Blessings* was this:

SOURCE OF ALL BLESSINGS,
you bless us with departures—
for they are a necessary part of our
journey, necessary for arriving.
May I be always ready to take
leave, always aware that every
arrival is a prelude to departure,
every birth a step toward dying,
and may I thus taste the blessing of
being fully present where I am.

As I sat that morning reflecting on the picture, the quote, and the blessing, I began to think about all of the arrivals and departures in my life, and the ways in which both the "hellos" and the "goodbyes" were often times filled with blessing. I also reflected on all of the times during my ministry that I have had the privilege of saying to others, "May the Lord bless thee and keep thee." In whatever ways you practice your devotional and prayer life, "May the Lord bless thee and keep thee."

Bishop Steven Delzer was elected to serve as Bishop of our Southeastern Minnesota Synod in June of 2013.

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~ Alice Topness

~ Lori Keller

2~ Trinity Johnson

3~ Shannon Ingvalson

~ Tyler Schafner

~ Abigail Bacon

4~ Jodi Daniels

5~ Larry Dahl

~ Michael Gudnundson

6~ Steven Good

~ Kayla Nelson

~ Oliver Kendhammer

7~ Ione Hallum

~ Anna Kiel

~ Jens Lind

8~ Brittany Olson

9~ Norm Overland

10~ Gerrad Eide

~ Brady Boyum

11~ Barb Soppa

~ Shelley Berg

12~ Jordan Johnson

~ Lindsay Hoiness

13~ Karen Schumacher

~ Nancy Carmen

~ Keith Halverson

14~ David Larson

~ Rhonda Good

~ Matthew Ehler

~ Amy Kelly

16~ Kenny Peterson

~ Cheryl Halverson

~ Tanya Self

~ Denise Evans

~ Chellsey Olson

~ Lace Sievers

17~ Erik Topness

18~ Pat Dahl

~ Daniel Lind

~ Ella Dammen

19~ Debbie Lawstuen

~ Monica Lee

~ Brianna Horning

20~ Norine Ask

~ Thea Arends

21~ Kira Nelson

24~ Sanna Pederson

~ Aimee Nelson

~ Adeline Johnson

25~ Sander Michel

26~ Gene Topness

27~ Dagny Anderson

31~ Steve Storhoff

~ Nicole Blagsvedt



1~ Steve & Valarie Howe

4~ Jeffrey & Sylvia Passow

6~ Roger & Sarah Bearbower

9~ Allen & Kay Howe

~ Ryan & Leah Jacobson

14~ Terry & Susan Blagsvedt

16~ Daryl & Michele Thompson

20~ Tim & Jennie Stensgard

~ Rex & Rachel Bearbower

21~ Dave & Brenda Markegard

22 ~ Pastor Marie AK Anderson
Ordination Anniversary

26~ Tanya & Sawyer Wolfs

29~ Jerry & Joyce Dahl

31~ Kyle & Lisa Chiglo

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Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
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2 Worship at Elstad 10:00 a.m.	3	4	5 HP- Tabitha circle 12:30 @ Burdey's Bulletin Deadline	6	7	8
9 Car Show Outdoor worship @ HP 10:00 a.m.	10	11	12 HP- Quilt- ing9:30 a.m. Bulletin Deadline	13	14	15
16 Worship @ Elstad 10:00 a.m. Baptism EL-Storhoff reunion HP-Eggabakken reunion	17	18 Book Club 7 p.m. @ parsonage	19 Newsletter Deadline Bulletin Deadline	20	21	22
23 Worship @ HP 10:00 a.m. Baptism	24	25	26	27	28	29
30 Worship @ Elstad 10:00 a.m. Music Festival	31					

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HIGHLAND PRAIRIE

ACOLYTES/READERS/GREETERS

SUNDAY, AUGUST 2, 2015

WORSHIP AT ELSTAD

SUNDAY, AUGUST 9, 2015

ACOLYTES: JENS LIND, TRENTEN CHIGLO

READERS: JENS LIND, SCOTT BESTUL

GREETERS: CHARLES & LYNNETTE PEDERSON

SUNDAY, AUGUST 16, 2015

WORSHIP AT ELSTAD

SUNDAY, AUGUST 23, 2015

ACOLYTES: TRENTEN CHIGLO, PAULA HOWE

READERS: TRENTEN CHIGLO,
LYNNETTE PEDERSON

GREETERS: GORDON & ARLENE JOHNSON

SUNDAY, AUGUST 30, 2015

WORSHIP AT ELSTAD

ELSTAD

ACOLYTE/READER/USHERS

SUNDAY, AUGUST 2, 2015

READER: LORI BAKKE

SUNDAY, AUGUST 9, 2015

OUTDOOR WORSHIP AT HIGHLAND PRAIRIE

SUNDAY, AUGUST 16, 2015

READER: CAROL OVERLAND

SUNDAY, AUGUST 23, 2015

WORSHIP AT HIGHLAND PRAIRIE

SUNDAY, AUGUST 30, 2015 ~ MUSIC FESTIVAL

READER: JOHN ABRAHAMSON

USHERS: MIKE CHIGLO, JOHN ABRAHAMSON, DAVID BAKKE, CHASE BAKKE, CHRISTOPHER NELSON, MIKE ASK