

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

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For the mountains may depart

and the hills be removed,

but my steadfast love shall not depart from you,

and my covenant of peace shall not be removed,

says the Lord, who has compassion on you.

-Isaiah 54: 10

Last Sunday, in my sermon I made mention that you will over and over again hear me say- "Our way of being church is changing." And this is true...our way of being church is changing. Families Sunday mornings are getting more busy, pews aren't as full as they used to be and people no longer automatically find a new church when they move to a new community.

Change is coming whether we are ready for it or not. And change can both be scary and exciting. One of my favorite authors/podcasters/bloggers has a word for this time- scited- or scared + excited= SCITED.

Church- we are in a "sciting" time...a time that is scary and exciting.

Scary because we are going to have to leave our comfort zones. Exciting because there is a world of possibilities waiting for us.

Scary because we are going to have to try new things. Exciting because we GET to try new things.

Scary because we might fail. Exciting because we might succeed.

It is a "sciting" time. And in the face of the "scitement," here is the thing I know to be most true...our God is a God who promises to be steadfast and true in the face of change. That while our world is rapidly changing, while our church is rapidly changing...our God is steadfast and true.

In the verse from Isaiah that I opened with, God is speaking to a people who have been in exile, they have experienced some of the ultimate changes and as they prepare to return home, God is reminding them that there are never alone- is the scary times nor in the exciting times.

I know this time can be scary because things are changing...the church is changing...AND I know that God has been by God's church through changes for centuries. God has walked with God's church through reformations, divisions, scarcity and rebirths since the beginning of time. And God will continue to walk alongside God's church every step of the way.

So dear ones...welcome to this "sciting" time. I can't wait to see what God is doing through us and in this world!

October Worship Schedule

Time after Pentecost, October 2nd

Elstad—9:00 a.m.

Sunday school—10:00 a.m.

Highland Prairie—10:30 a.m.

Sunday school—9:30 a.m.

Habakkuk 1:1-4; 2:1-4

Psalm 37:1-9

2 Timothy 1:1-14

Luke 17:5-10

Time after Pentecost, October 9th

Elstad—9:00 a.m.

Sunday school—10:00 a.m.

Highland Prairie—10:30 a.m.

Sunday school—9:30 a.m.

2 Kings 5:1-3, 7-15c

Psalm 111

2 Timothy 2:8-15

Luke 17:11-19

Time after Pentecost, October 16th

Elstad—9:00 a.m.

Sunday school—10:00 a.m.

Highland Prairie—10:30 a.m.

Sunday school—9:30 a.m.

Genesis 32:22-31

Psalm 121

2 Timothy 3:14- 4:5

Luke 18:1-8

Time after Pentecost, October 23rd

Elstad—9:00 a.m.

Sunday school—10:00 a.m.

Highland Prairie—10:30 a.m.

Sunday school—9:30 a.m.

Jeremiah 14:7-10, 19-22

Psalm 84:1-7

2 Timothy 4:6-8, 1-18

Luke 18:9-14

Time after Pentecost, October 30th

Elstad—9:00 a.m.

Sunday school—10:00 a.m.

Highland Prairie—10:30 a.m.

Sunday school—9:30 a.m.

Jeremiah 31:31-34

Psalm 46

Romans 3:18-28

John 8:31-36

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Prayer Corner

Scripture tells us to pray without ceasing. Let's be known as a praying congregation. Please keep Carol Fogal, Ferne Brewster, Paul & Cindy Feind, Dennis McRaven, Pr. Alma, the family of Sharon Kendhammer, and all others who are ill or in need of our prayers.

Parish 40 Land Contract

The "Church 40" land contract is open for bids. The bidding process has changed slightly where we will offer to the top three bids the opportunity to rebid. The terms of the contract have also changed in that we have eliminated - no harvest of crop residue. All bids should be submitted by noon, November 13th. Those persons with questions should contact a member of either church council. Please contact either Gordon Johnson or Gene Topness with any questions.

HIGHLAND PRAIRIE WELCA

HARVEST SOUP LUCHEON

Sunday, October 9, 2022

11:00 a.m.—1:00 p.m. (or until gone)

Vegetable Beef Barley, Vegetable Beef Dumpling, Assorted Sandwiches & Desserts

\$8.00 per person/6 and under free

There will also be a bake sale!

Elstad Budget for August 2022

Budget August	\$ 6545.17
Received August	\$ 3646.00
Under August	\$ 2899.17
Elstad YTD budget	\$ 52361.36
Received YTD	\$ 44176.00
Under YTD	\$ 8185.36

Highland Prairie Financial for August 2022

YTD Income	\$ 51,429
YTD Expenses	\$ 65,255
Expenses exceed Income	\$ 13,826
YTD Budget	\$ 54,500
YTD Income	\$ 51,429
YTD Under	\$ 14,171

Elstad-Highland Prairie Lutheran Church Joint Council Meeting

Sunday, September 18, 2022

The meeting was called to order at 6:35 p.m. by President Gordon Johnson.

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

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

Devotions were given by Pastor Alma

There were no President's Reports

No Correspondence received

Confirmation started, Kay Wold will be covering for Pastor Alma during her recuperation, Thank Offering services being planned. Youth events are being planned by Michelle Rein.

Old Business: Computer/ipad update from Chris Hoiland is that 2 iPad and laptop are coming

New Business: Cell phone reimbursement discussion on paying as per Synod guidelines for half of the Pastor's monthly fee.

Christmas Day Service discussion ended in Jennifer Nepstad making the motion to not have a service this year, Amber Arends seconded. Motion carried.

Land Rent Contract bid process was discussed to change the bid process to have sealed bids submitted and the take the top three bids and offer those the opportunity to rebid. Bid opening will be prior to the Joint Council Meeting in November. The motion was made by Gene Topness to proceed as stated, Robert Anfinson seconded. Motion carried.

Further discussion on the terms and motion to eliminate "no harvest of crop residue" by Gene Topness, Robert Anfinson seconded. Motion carried.

Parsonage concerns for storm door replacement and replacement of shades was discussed.

Outdoor Services consideration on number of services to hold prior to next year.

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

A motion to adjourn with the Lord's Prayer was made by at 7:45 p.m. by Sharon Ehler, seconded by Joyce Dahl. Motion carried.

Next joint meeting will be at 5:30 pm on November 13, 2022

Elstad Lutheran Church Council Meeting Minutes

Sunday September 18th, 2022

Highland Prairie Lutheran Church

The meeting was called to order by President Gene Topness at 5:30 p.m.

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

Meeting was opened in prayer by Pastor Luther.

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

There are no congressional members present to address the council..

The treasurer's report was reviewed and a motion was made by Kathy Abrahamson and second by Gene Topness to be placed on file for audit at a later date.

Correspondence received:

- Springwood Concert sent a thank you note and would like to know if they can come back on August 18th, 2023. They have sent a donation.
- Pastor Luther and Bobbi sent a thank you note for the kindness and support.

Old Business:

- Exterior Painting - Paint was donated by Gary Johnson and is at the church. Gene will talk to Tom about completing this fall.
- Exterior Sealing - Gene spoke with a company about getting an estimate. Options are being explored.
- Foundation Repairs - Christopher spoke with a company but hasn't heard back with an estimate yet.
- Front Cement & Steps - In need of someone that can grind the sidewalks down where it's bulging. Gene will talk to Lance Papenfuss.

New Business:

- Sunday School during church - Children sermon will be moved up in the service before the readings. The children and teachers will be invited back up for the communion and the last hymn.
- Thank offering service will be on October 2, 2022
- Pastor Alma would like to start a book study after she recovers from her surgery
- Shampooing the basement carpets: Gene has a carpet shampooer
- Basement Lights: several are "out." Tom Dybing spoke with Norman's Electric about it and they suggested LED lighting. They will get an estimate.

Secretary's report was given. Motion was given by Gene Topness, second by Jennifer Nepstad. Motion passed.

Motion was made by Jennifer Nepstad to adjourn, second by Kathy Abrahamson. The meeting was adjourned at 6:12pm.

Closed in prayer by Pastor Alma.

Secretary's report submitted by Amber Arends.

Highland Prairie Lutheran Church Council Meeting

September 18, 2022

- The meeting was called to order at 7:50 p.m. by President Gordon Johnson.
- Council Members present were Robert Anfinson, Karen Bakken, Joyce Dahl, Sharon Ehler, Mary Gudmundson, and Gordon Johnson; Steve Howe, Val Howe, David Markegard and Lyle Meldahl were absent.
- Devotions were given at Joint Council meeting.
- There were no members in attendance wishing to address the council.
- A quorum was determined, and a motion to approve the agenda as presented was made by Joyce Dahl, Sharon Ehler seconded. Motion carried.
- The Treasurer's Report was given by Karen Bakken. Year to date information provided are income \$51,429.00 expenses \$65,255.00; expenses exceed income by \$13,826.00. A motion to approve as presented was made by Joyce Dahl, Sharon Ehler seconded. Motion carried.
- There was no President's report.
- Pastor Alma report was given at the joint meeting
- Correspondence - None
- Committee Reports:
 - Church – Handicapped seating was discussed and it was suggested to remove two middle pews and replace with the shorter pews from the front row. This will be looked at by Gordon and Sharon.
 - Grounds –
 - Worship –
 - Youth & Education –

Old Business:

- None

New Business:

- Treasure Hunters discussion led to a motion by Robert Anfinson that we do not allow any treasure hunting, Sharon Ehler seconded. Motion carried.
- The Secretary's report was read and a motion to approve was made by Joyce Dahl, Sharon Ehler seconded. Motion carried.
- A motion to adjourn at 8:10 p.m. was made by Mary Gudmundson, Sharon Ehler seconded. Motion carried.
- Respectfully submitted, Mary Gudmundson
- Next Meeting is October 9th at Highland Prairie.

OCTOBER 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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1~ Charles Semmen
~ Natalie Schelper
2~ Olive Peterson
~ Sylvia Passow
3~ Jensyn Storhoff
6~ Valarie Howe
5~ Archie Dolhman
~ Mací Pontillo
~ Riley Pontillo
7~ Alyssa Berg
9~ Beth Smith
~ Amy Jacobson
10~ Chris Hoiland
~ Jeremy Burt
12~ Amber Arends
13~ Mary Carlson
~ Jade Butler
~ Carsen Nelson
15~ Cathy Bakke
~ Creighton Hoiness
~ Dominic Humble
16~ Casey Pestle
17~ Brandon Rustad

18~ Jerry Barrett
~ Larry Topness
~ Alison Freese
20~ Joyce Dahl
~ Dylan Evenson
22~ Gary Kiehne
~ Duston Brookins
23~ Sharon Howe
24~ Erik Nelson
~ Courtney Gravois
27~ Tyler Knutson
~ Fraya Hastey
28~ Merlin Halverson
29~ Karen Mierau
30~ Doris Dybing
~ Nicole Johnson
31~ Adam Woxland
~ Brittany Johnson
~ Hayden Stensgard

12~ Maynard & Sharon
Rustad
16~ Ken & Helen Jacobson
~ John & Kathy Abrahamson
17 ~ Josh & Kristi Rein
26~ Rick & Sandy Sjarpe

September 2022

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Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
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2 Thank-Offering Sunday 9:00 a.m.—Elstad 10:00 a.m. ~ EL SS 10:30 a.m.—H.P. 9:30 a.m. HP SS	3	4	5 HP WELCA Bible study/Business Mtg. 1:30 a.m. Confirmation 6:30 p.m.	6	7	8
9 9:00 a.m.—Elstad 10:00 a.m. ~ EL SS (begins during worship) 10:30 a.m.—H.P. 9:30 a.m. HP SS H.P. Council Mtg. 5:30	10	11	12 HP WELCA Quilting—9:30 a.m. w/potluck Confirmation 6:30 p.m.	13	14	15
16 9:00 a.m.—Elstad 10:00 a.m. ~ EL SS (begins during worship) 10:30 a.m.—H.P. 9:30 a.m. HP SS	17	18	19 No Confirmation Class Bulletin Deadline	20	21	22
23 9:00 a.m.—Elstad 10:00 a.m. ~ EL SS (begins during worship) 10:30 a.m.—H.P. 9:30 a.m. HP SS	24	25	26 Confirmation 6:30 p.m. @ HP	27	28	29
30 9:00 a.m.—Elstad 10:00 a.m. ~ EL SS (begins during worship) 10:30 a.m.—H.P. 9:30 a.m. HP SS	31		Bulletin Deadline			

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HIGHLAND PRAIRIE
ACOLYTES/READERS/GREETERS

SUNDAY, OCTOBER 2, 2022

ACOLYTE: GUS HOILAND
READERS: GUS HOILAND, LYNNETTE PEDERSON
GREETERS: GORDON & ARLENE JOHNSON

SUNDAY, OCTOBER 9, 2022

ACOLYTE: CHASE HUMBLE
READERS: CHASE HUMBLE, SYLVIA PASSOW
GREETERS: SHARON & PAUL EHLER

SUNDAY, OCTOBER 16, 2022

ACOLYTE: GUS HOILAND
READERS: GUS HOILAND, ARLENE JOHNSON
GREETERS: LYLE & ANN MELDAHL

SUNDAY, OCTOBER 23, 2022

ACOLYTE: TAHVEN PEPIN
READERS: TAHVEN PEPIN, SHARON EHLER
GREETERS: ALLAN SKALET & KAY EIKEN

SUNDAY, OCTOBER 23, 2022

ACOLYTE: GRANT DEGEORGE
READERS: GRANT DEGEORGE, SCOTT BESTUL
GREETERS: GORDON & ARLENE JOHNSON

ELSTAD
ACOLYTES/READERS/USHERS

SUNDAY, OCTOBER 2, 2022

ACOLYTE: THEA ARENDS
READERS: THEA ARENDS, TOM DYBING

SUNDAY, OCTOBER 9, 2022

ACOLYTE: SARI REIN
READERS: PARKER STORHOFF, GENE TOPNESS

SUNDAY, OCTOBER 16, 2022

ACOLYTE: JENSYN STORHOFF
READERS: MAKENZIE KNUTSON, JOHN ABRAHAMSON

SUNDAY, OCTOBER 23, 2022

ACOLYTE: MILEY KNUTSON
READERS: KYLE DANIELS, LORI BAKKE

SUNDAY, OCTOBER 23, 2022

ACOLYTE: AUBREY DANIELS
READERS: INDY QUALY, CAROL OVERLAND

USHERS: GENE TOPNESS, VICKY TOPNESS,
JOSH REIN, LARRY TOPNESS,
ROBERT NELSON