

*Elstad ~ Highland Prairie Lutheran Parish
A Congregation of the Evangelical Lutheran Church in America
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Worship Schedule
November 2016

Sunday, November 6th

8:30 a.m. Worship @ Elstad
9:30 a.m. Sunday school
10:30 a.m. Worship @ HP

Sunday, November 13th

8:30 a.m. Worship @ Elstad
9:30 a.m. Sunday school
10:30 a.m. Worship @ HP

Sunday, November 20th

8:30 a.m. Worship @ Elstad
9:30 a.m. Sunday school
10:30 a.m. Worship @ HP

Wednesday, November 23rd

Thanksgiving Eve
Worship @ H.P. 7:00 p.m.

Sunday, November 27th

8:30 a.m. Worship @ Elstad
9:30 a.m. Sunday school
10:30 a.m. Worship @ HP

Elstad & Highland Prairie
Christmas programs will be held on Sunday, December 11th during the worship service.

Christmas Eve Worship
@ HP 6:30 p.m.

Christmas Day Worship
@ EL 9:00 a.m.

Prayer Corner

Scriptures tell us to pray without ceasing. Let's be known as a praying congregation. Please keep Eric Johnson, Ashley Bergen, Jim Wangen, Eastyn Skala, Jacob Mangelsen, Irma Wangen, Gordon Gulbranson, David Ask, Elaine Holm, Dick Haight, Becky Lind, Cathy Bakke, Lucile Ask, Naomi Wangen and all who are ill or in need of your prayers.

Highland Prairie has the honor of hosting the ordination worship service of Carina Schiltz of Rushford on November 12. We are also invited to sing in the choir being formed for that worship service.

Advent Song, cantata for 2016 will be presented on Sunday, November 27th at 5 p.m.

Advent Song is the 22nd annual cantata for the Elstad parish. The choir is under the direction of Stela Burt with featured guest musician Rachel Storlie.

You are invited to come and be a joyful part of this late afternoon concert on the first Sunday of Advent 2016. Special organ concert begins at 4:30 p.m.

As always, there will be something for everyone in a great assortment of music both vocal and instrumental.

Following the concert holiday refreshments will be served in the fellowship hall.

Highland Prairie "Church 40" is now open for bids! Please submit your bids to the Highland Prairie Council by November 11, 2016

For this months Bridge page please see the online version of the newsletter. Also some will be printed and left at each church.

November Pastor's Message...

As the month of November comes to a close we celebrate the Nation Holiday of Thanksgiving. As Christians, at Thanksgiving worship and throughout the year, we publicly acknowledge that everything we have, we receive from God. The congregations of Elstad and Highland Prairie have always had many reasons to celebrate and worship at Thanksgiving; this year is no exception. After nearly two years of interim ministry, you will begin a new period of ministry with Pastor Luther Mathson the Sunday after Thanksgiving. I too, have much to thank God for this year at Thanksgiving. I have spent the last 21 months among people with a strong tradition of hospitality and generosity of spirit in rural Southeastern Minnesota.

Your hospitality and generosity showed when you welcomed me into your lives and homes as we celebrated baptisms and weddings and when we grieved the deaths of well-loved family members, even though you knew my time with you would be short. You joined me in praying for, supporting and caring about the Bouyaha School in Haiti (a passion of mine) and the Pastors Mioche and Joas who serve there. You prayed for my mother when she was so ill for so long, you prayed for me and asked after my health when I was afflicted with so much pain last winter. You welcomed my husband and asked after my daughters, even though you never met two of them. You celebrated with me and asked to see photos, when one of those daughters, unknown to you, was married. You laughed with me as we celebrated the little ones among us during Children's messages and some of you sat with me and eight to ten energetic confirmation students. You tried to tease me and were overly generous in feeding me. You showed me and the communities surrounding your church buildings that you know what it is to lead lives of discipleship serving and giving. Long before you heard me say "you are God's hands and feet" you knew it and were showing the world how much God loves you and therefore how much you can love the lost, last, little and least in the world. You trusted me to lead you through a time of transition and anxiety.

I will begin my Thanksgiving prayer thanking God for undeserved Grace, Mercy, Forgiveness and Eternal life with Jesus, being called into ordained ministry, for my husband, daughters, son-in-laws and larger family and then I will be thanking God for the time we spent together and the ministry you will continue to do with Pastor Luther.

Shalom Pastor Marie AK Anderson

1 Thessalonians 5:18 Give thanks in all circumstances; for this is the will of God in Christ Jesus for you.

Philippians 4:6 Do not worry about anything, but in everything by prayer and supplication with thanksgiving let your requests be made known to God.

Colossians 2:6-67 As you therefore have received Christ Jesus the Lord, continue to live your lives* in him, ⁷rooted and built up in him and established in the faith, just as you were taught, abounding in thanksgiving.

Elstad—Highland Prairie Thank-Offering Services donation list

Sunday, November 13, 2016

SOAP

Bath sized bars (4 to 5 oz.) with 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"

Four cloth diapers flat fold preferred

One jacket, sweater or sweatshirt with a hood or include a baby cap

One pair 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) or 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 with a rubber band

Five black or blue ballpoint pens (no gel ink); secure together with a rubber bank

One box of 15 or 24 crayons

One 2 1/2 " eraser

One sturdy backpack approximately 14" X 17 ". with shoulder straps (no standard backpacks)

(There are backpacks made according to specifications available at church)

QUILTS (and blankets)

Completed edge to 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 (tooth brushes from multiple pack may be divided one each to large white envelope)

1 sturdy comb -- remove packaging

One metal nail clippers (attached file optional) remove packaging

Highland Prairie Church Council Minutes September 11, 2016

- 1) Meeting was called to order at 5:38pm by President Kyle Chiglo
- 2) Becky Lind absent
- 3) Lyle motioned to approved the agenda, Chris 2nd, motion passed.
- 4) No Congregation members were present
- 5) Pastor's report will be given at the Join meeting
- 6) Sarah motioned to accept the Secretary's Report, Allen 2nd, motion passed
- 7) Lyle motioned to accept the Treasurer's report, Sarah 2nd, motion passed, filed subject to audit.
- 8) President's report: Kyle is teaching again. Lot of kids were at Sunday School today.
- 9) Correspondence: There s an opportunity to Learn about our hymnal in Rochester on the 14th and 15th, Also Good earth village is having a youth event on the 17th.
- 10) Committee Reports
 - A) Church - nothing other than the New business item
 - B) Grounds - Bees at the bowl have vacated their residence independently. Should get the tree scheduled for removal.
 - C) Worship - Liturgies discussed and there's one item to be discussed at the Joint meting
 - D) Youth & Ed - no report
- 11) Old Business - none
- 12) New Business
 - A) Air Conditioner unit on car port - Kyle has been in touch with the service. There's a bad com pressor. \$2500 for a replacement unit. Tim motioned that Kyles should move ahead with fixing through Nueman's in Canton, Sarah 2nd, motion passed.
 - B) Fence around ballfield - there's was discussion about the fact that it need to be taken down and if we intend to keep it new poles added and the fence put back up. Please ask around for thought of the congregation.
 - C) Wiring at the bowl - There's a short in the fuse box, need to have an electrician look at it.
- 13) Sarah motioned to adjourn at 6:10pm, Allen 2nd. Motion passed

Prepared by Council Vice President, Sarah Bearbower

Highland Prairie Financial for September 2016		Elstad Budget for September 2016	
YTD Income	\$ 55,222	Budget for Septmeber	\$ 7,081.50
YTD Expenses	\$ 52,618	Received	\$ 3,111.00
Income exc. Expenses	\$ 2,604	Under	\$ 3,970.50
YTD Budget	\$ 67,050	YTD Budget	\$ 63,733.50
YTD Income	\$ 55,222	YTD Received	\$ 47,773.50
YTD Under	\$ 11,828	YTD Under	\$ 15,960.00

ELSTAD WELCA MINUTES

OCTOBER 2, 2016

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

The secretary and treasurer's reports were read and accepted.

Vicky Topness read correspondence from Lisa Chiglo, Pastor Marie, Lori Bakke and Wendy Will.

The Sunshine Committee reported that Lucille Ask is in the Chatfield Nursing Home.

There was no old business.

New Business:

A fundraiser Gathering for Good Earth Village will be held October 20th at the Rochester Golf and Country Club. The tickets are \$85.00. There will also be a Good Gift Gala.

The 10th triannual WELCA gathering will be July 13th thru the 15th in 2017. It will be held in Minneapolis.

The World Relief pick up will be October 22nd and 23rd in Preston. Bring the items you can to church prior those dates. Place items in the back entry way.

Elstad and Highland Prairie confirmation students prepared 40 school kits as a service project.

Being no further business, the meeting was adjourned.

We were given a Proverbial Crossword to take home and complete.

Our Thank offering Service will be November 13th.

Delicious refreshments were served by Kim Halverson and Heidi Evenson.

We closed with praying the Lord's Prayer.

Respectfully submitted,

Marilyn Soland, Secretary

November World Hunger at Elstad

November is another month to consider our partnership in the never ending battle of world hunger.

Food donations of your choice may be delivered to the church until the 20th of the month. All foods will become part of the Fillmore County food shelf.

Monetary donations to World Hunger may be given either directly to the treasurer or in the plate offerings on Sunday mornings.

Thank you for your help in this project.



THE BRIDGE

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Recognizing Racism and Privilege

By Bishop Steven Delzer

This may be one of the more rambling pieces I have written. My goal in this reflection isn't to be a wordsmith; my goal is to be open and honest about my own experiences. This piece reflects my growing awareness of racism and white privilege.

Experience #1: Rev. Wal Reat

When I began mentoring Rev. Wal Reat in the TEEM program (Theological Education for Emerging Ministries), one of the first topics we discussed was the biblical creation stories. A key question was, "When you talk with people about the creation stories in the Bible, how do they challenge or respond to those stories?" My first thought was that their response would have something to do with the theory of evolution. That was not Wal's response.

Wal's response was a series of questions: "Why did God create you white and me black? Why did God allow you to be born in a land with rich resources and me to be born in a land with few resources? Why did God allow you to be born in a nation where the government cares for its people and me to be born in a nation where the government tries to kill some of its people?" **Those questions from Wal forced me to begin thinking much more deeply about the great disparities that exist among the nations and peoples of the world.**

Experience #2: New England Synod Fall Theological Convocation

Last year Bishop Jim Hazlewood from the New England Synod (our domestic companion) invited me to attend their Fall Theological Convocation. The topic was racism. We watched a video about "redlining" in Detroit following World War II. As soldiers returned from the war, GI loans were made available to them to buy new homes, complete with appliances, at very low interest rates, and at a cost of less than \$100 a month. Of course many of the returning veterans took advantage of that opportunity. Returning African-American veterans also wanted to take advantage of that opportunity, but they were told that due to government policy, those options were not available to them. Years later, one of the white WWII veterans who had benefitted from those options said, "I think we missed an opportunity." The video went on to describe how significant this was since the ability to buy a home is often the first step in building equity. **That video and the following conversation forced me to begin thinking more deeply about white privilege and the great disparities that exist between the races here in America.**

So, what's the point of this discussion? It is this: Our Southeastern Minnesota Synod Mission Statement is "Equipping congregations and leaders to follow Jesus into a changing world." One of the most significant changes/challenges that faces us is moving away from racial disparity and moving toward racial equity. And that's just one aspect of God's desire for justice for all people. One of the things that can most effectively help that to happen is equipping our congregations and leaders to develop the skills to facilitate conversations about difficult issues and topics. I know it can be done. I have seen it done. A resource to help us begin that difficult conversation around racism is available from Lutheran Social Services (LSS) of Minnesota. It is called "And Who Is My Neighbor?"

I pray that we will enter into this shared journey of conversation about difficult issues and topics, trusting that we will be led by the Holy Spirit to embrace God's vision for us as described in Revelation 7:9:

"After this I looked, and there was a great multitude that no one could count, from every nation, and from all tribes and peoples and languages, standing before the throne and before the Lamb, robed in white, with palm branches in their hands."

Editor's note: This is an adaptation of a piece Bishop Delzer wrote for the fall edition of River Crossings. The entire magazine is available for download at <http://bit.ly/rcfall2016>.

NOVEMBER 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~ Jennifer Dahl
~ Tiffany Humble
2~ Kenny Bakkum
~ Amelia Dohlman
~ Miley Knutson
~ Kelsie Woxland
3~ Darlys Storhoff
~ Ethan Rislov
4~ Sylvia Markegard
~ Doug Lind
~ Rick Sjarpe
~ Shelly Stensgard
5~ Scott Bestul
~ Derek Grimsrud
~ William Maschka
6~ Kaye Eiken
~ Ann Dolalie
~ Andrew Larson
9~ Tim Dahl
~ Seth Humble
10~ Rebecca Lind
11~ Randy Drinkall
12~ Thora Lombard

13~ Phil Dybing
~ Crystal Soppa
~ Ashlee Pontillo
~ Cody Ryan
~ Mason Wolfs
17~ Jerry Dahl
~ Dana DeGeorge
19~ Trina Overland
~ Adam Daniels
~ James McHan
~ Sarah Wangen
~ Katie Hackbarth
~ Daryn Eisner
~ Grant DeGeorge
20~ Melanie Przybylski
~ Kyle Lawstuen
21~ Eric Howe
22~ Kenneth Sjarpe
~ Peyton Hoiness
~ Caden Johnson
23~ Lorraine Fann
~ Adam Overland
~ Danielle Kingsley
24~ Taylor Ask
26~ Doris Westby
~ Rebecca Lawstuen
~ Katrina James
27~ Jennifer DeGeorge
~ Emarie Jacobson
28~ Kasey Nelson
~ Sandy Thomas

28~ Elvin Paulson
~ Aric Stensgard
~ Kainen Klug
29~ Curtis Gudmundson
~ Bonnie Wangen
30~ Benjamin Ryan
~ Lauren Volkman



6~ David & Cindy Howe
6~ Cory & Nicloe Woxland
23~ John & Christine
Knutson
24~ Jeff Boland & Gretchen
Engstrom
26~ Michael & Jill
Halverson
27~ Gary & Nancy Rustad

November 2016

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elstadlutheranchurch.org

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Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
		1	2 HP Choir practice 7 p.m. Bulletin Deadline	3	4	5
6 8:30 Elstad 9:30 S.S. 10:30 HP	7	8	9 HP Choir practice 7 p.m. Bulletin Deadline	10	11	12 HP-Ordination 2p.m. w/ fellow- ship hall
13 EL & HP Thank-Offering Service 8:30 Elstad 9:30 S.S. 10:30 HP Council Meetings @ HP 5:30 p.m. Elstad council 7:00 p.m. Parish council HP council after Parish	14	15	16 Bulletin Deadline	17	18	19 Newsletter Deadline
20 8:30 Elstad 9:30 S.S. 10:30 HP	21	22	23 Thanksgiving Eve worship @ HP 7:00 p.m. Bulletin Deadline	24 Happy Thanksgiving	25	26
27 8:30 Elstad 9:30 S.S. 10:30 HP	28	29	30 Bulletin Deadline			

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ACOLYTES/READERS/GREETERS

SUNDAY, NOVEMBER 6, 2016

ACOLYTES: BRADY STENSGARD, HANS LIND
READERS: BRADY STENSGARD, SYLVIA MARKEGARD
GREETERS: DOUG LIND FAMILY

SUNDAY, NOVEMBER 13, 2016

ACOLYTES: HANS LIND, NIKKI DAHLE
READERS: HANS LIND, SYLVIA PASSOW
GREETERS: ROGER & SARAH BEARBOWER

SUNDAY, NOVEMBER 20, 2016

ACOLYTES: NIKKI DAHLE, HALE STENSGARD
READERS: NIKKI DAHLE, SHARON EHLER
GREETERS: GORDON & ARLENE

WEDNESDAY, NOVEMBER 23, 2016

THANKSGIVING EVE SERVICE 7:00P.M.
ACOLYTES: TRENTEN CHIGLO, HANS LIND
READERS: TRENTEN CHIGLO, BECKY LIND
GREETERS: KYLE & LISA CHIGLO

SUNDAY, NOVEMBER 27, 2016

ACOLYTES: HALE STENSGARD, JONAH SIEVERS
READERS: HALE STENSGARD, SCOTT BESTUL
GREETERS: LYLE & ANN MELDAHL

ELSTAD
ACOLYTES/READERS/USHERS

SUNDAY, NOVEMBER 6, 2016

READER: LORI BAKKE

SUNDAY, NOVEMBER 13, 2016

READER: VICKY TOPNESS

SUNDAY, NOVEMBER 20, 2016

ACOLYTE: J.T. REIN
READERS: J.T. REIN, JOHN ABRAHAMSON

SUNDAY, NOVEMBER 27, 2016

READER: GENE TOPNESS

USHERS: JERRY EVENSON, ROBERT KNUTSON,
LARRY TOPNESS, JOHN REIN,
ROBERT NELSON, DAVID WATSON