

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

September 2016

Sunday, September 4th

10:00 a.m. @ Highland Prairie

Sunday, September 11th

8:30 a.m. Worship @ Elstad
10:30 a.m. Outdoor Worship @
Highland Prairie

Sunday, September 18th

8:30 a.m. Elstad
9:30 a.m. Sunday School
10:30 a.m. Highland Prairie

Sunday, September 25th

8:30 a.m. Elstad
9:30 a.m. Sunday School
10:30 a.m. Highland Prairie

Prayer Corner

Scriptures tell us to pray without ceasing. Let's be known as a praying congregation. Please keep Eric Johnson, Ashley Bergen, Jennifer Lee, Eastyn Skala, Jim Wangen, Irma Wangen, Gordon Gulbranson, Joan Kulhman, David Ask, Irma Wangen and all who are ill or in need of your prayers.

Confirmation Orientation

Wednesday, September 7th 6:30 p.m. @ Elstad

All 7th and 8th grades students and parents are expected to attend.

Milestone Ministries

Historically a milestone was marker pointing the way for travelers who could not read. In the church we celebrate milestones; events that point to our developing faith. Baptism, First Communion, Confirmation, Weddings and Funerals are major miles stones.

The beginning of school, receiving Bibles from the congregation, anniversaries of events in our collective faith history are small miles stones we celebrate this year at Highland Prairie and Elstad.

September 25

Highland Prairie Pre-K & 2nd grade receive Bibles

October 9

Backpacks and car keys are blessed

October 23

Baptism shawls and prayer shawls are blessed

October 30

Reformation



Highland Prairie
Sunday, September 11th

Elstad
Sunday, September 18th

Highland Prairie Church Council Minutes

7-10-16

1. Meeting called to order at 8:06 p.m. by Council President Kyle Chiglo.
2. Roll Call was taken with Kyle Chiglo, Chris Hoiland, Karen Bakken, Kay Dahl, Allan Skalet, Lyle Meldahl, and Becky Halverson-Lind present. Members absent were Steve Howe and Sarah Bearbower.
3. A quorum was called.
4. Devotions were given at the parish meeting previously held this evening.
5. Agenda was amended and submitted for approval. Kay made a motion to approve the agenda, it was seconded by Tim, no objections, motion carried.
6. Congregation member who were present were Sharon Ehler, Sharon Boyum, Lisa Chiglo and Pastor Marie AK Anderson.
7. Pastor's Report was given by Pastor Marie.
 - A. Pastor Marie reported that she and Lisa are still working on the Parish Secretary's Job description.
 - B. Reminded everyone that Council Meeting Minutes need to be approved before going into the newsletter.
 - C. Continue to work with Feed My Starving Children.
8. Motion to approve Secretary's Report by Kay and seconded by Chris, no objections, motion carried.
9. Karen had previously e-mailed the Treasurer's Report to all members to read and make notes before the meeting. The item of the golf cart insurance was pro-rated. Motion to approve the Treasurer's report was made by Lyle and seconded by Allan, no objections, motion carried.
10. President's Report: Kyle reported the bug sprayer broke before the previous Bowl Service so he bought a new sprayer and chemicals.
11. Correspondence:
 - A. Fillmore County Highway Dept. bill for the new signage \$65 for the sign and \$15 for labor.
 - B. SEMCAC Homeless Food Shelf Challenge: Going to have it put in the bulletin to have the drive during the 21st.
12. Committee Reports:
 - A. Church:
 - i. Toilet in the ladies restroom need replacing. Allan made a motion to buy 2 new toilets, seconded by Tim, motion carried.
 - ii. Ceiling in the kitchen to be redone is being talked about with Leigh Volkman on our options.
 - iii. Floor tiles need to be fixed.
 - iv. Council Pictures for the bulletin board.
 - B. Grounds:
 - i. Area around the sign is full of weeds and Irises are going to be removed.
 - ii. Sharon Ehler is going to make a sign directing to the ball field and the bowl.
 - iii. Possibly using handicapped porta potties for the remainder of the summer. Chris will talk to BS Rentals as to prices.
 - iv. Jen Degeorge wishes to help take care of the flowers around the rock garden and renovate the foliage around that area.

C. Worship:

- i. The outdoor service will be held at the top of the bowl with the dedication of the carillon system. The bells will play for an hour before the service and during lunch.
- ii. August 21st is the Parsonage Anniversary.

D. Youth & Education: Nothing to report.

14. Old Business

- A. The cost of the repairs and resealing of our parking lot from B&D Seal Coating was \$6000. Chris will discuss with them as to how badly they feel we need it to be done.

15. New Business

- A. Outside faucet to be replaced with a shut off on the inside. Becky made a motion to replace, seconded by Allan.
- B. Donation to the Henrytown Lutheran Church Rebuild: asking the congregation to donate and the church will match up to \$1000. Motion made by Tim and seconded by Lyle, motion carried.
- C. Need to remove the carpet in front of the chapel.
- D. Website to be handled by Deb Book as she volunteered to take care of it. Kay motioned and seconded by Karen, motion carried.

Motion to adjourn made by Tim and seconded by Becky, motion passed. Meeting adjourned at 9:31p.m. with the Lord's Prayer.

Respectfully submitted by Council Secretary, Becky Halverson-Lind.

Highland Prairie

September 11, 2016



Carla Burton will be here to share her talents and ministries! We strongly encourage families to attend with their children.

Elstad Budget for July 2016

July	\$7081.50
Received	\$5702.00
Under for July	\$1379.00
Budget YTD	\$49570.50
Received YTD	\$38215.00
Under YTD	\$11355.50

Highland Prairie Financials for July 2016

YTD Income	\$45080
YTD Expenses	\$37625
Income exc. Expenses	\$ 7455
YTD Budget	\$52150
YTD Income	\$45080
YTD Under	\$ 7070



THE BRIDGE

A MONTHLY PUBLICATION FOR CONGREGATIONS OF THE SOUTHEASTERN MINNESOTA
SYNOD OF THE EVANGELICAL LUTHERAN CHURCH IN AMERICA



Life and the Labyrinth

By Kathy Chatelaine, Director for Global Mission/Companion Synods



Have you ever walked a prayer labyrinth? Used by Christians since the fourth century, the prayer labyrinth is a path within a circle that leads to the center, then back out. Although walked in solitude, a person may encounter others either coming or going while walking. Christians have walked the labyrinth for many reasons, including prayer and meditation as well as celebrations of Easter's journey from death to resurrection.

My first experience with a prayer labyrinth was at Holden Village, a Lutheran retreat center in Washington's Cascade Mountains. Our daughter, Katherine, was fulfilling a seminary internship as Worship Assistant for the Village. I went to Holden to experience her ministry as well as to heal from a three-year accompaniment of my ailing parents during their final months. Hearing of the Village's labyrinth from a fellow sojourner, I was eager to encounter it. At dawn on the morning before I left Holden, I began my labyrinth walk of healing. Choosing two stones that I carried in each hand, I remembered life with my parents on the circuitous walk, releasing painful memories while celebrating their lives. Placing the stones in the labyrinth's center, I basked in the peace that God desires for each of us. A while later, I again began to walk the path: this time the destination was the labyrinth's exit to the life I was called to live. My exit walk was filled with hope, joy and praise!

This spring, I joined thirty women from Trinity (Owatonna) on a retreat at Mt. Olivet Conference Center. Upon learning of the center's labyrinth, I again felt called to prayerfully walk it. My focus this time was not healing, but rather discernment as I had been experiencing not so gentle 'nudges' from the Holy Spirit to leave the Catholic school community to which I had been called these past thirteen years. As I entered and began to journey towards the center, I meditated on 1 Samuel 3 – "Here I am! Speak, for thy servant hears" – and listened. Although the answer to my prayer was not 'writing on the wall' or 'a voice coming out of a cloud,' I was filled with the assurance that God, as always, was accompanying me.

The prayer labyrinth is a metaphor of life: A combination of straight pathways and abrupt turns, life's ultimate destination is its core: The Holy Trinity. And, as tempting as it might be to remain in the center, Lutherans are called to 'walk alongside our brothers and sisters to grow the church and to do God's work of restoring and reconciling communities everywhere.' And so, after a time of prayer and renewal, it is time to exit the labyrinth – to 'follow Jesus into a changing world.'

You can probably guess the next chapter of my discernment story: God called me to the Office of the Bishop of the Southeastern Minnesota Synod, ELCA as Director for Global Mission/Companion Synods. The assurance I received that spring day in the labyrinth fills me with confidence as I navigate my new call.

Did you know that on the lovely grounds of Assisi Heights, the home of the Office of the Bishop and my new work environment, there is a prayer labyrinth? When you are in Rochester, you are warmly invited to walk the labyrinth. And, after your walk, be sure to stop into the office for a refreshing drink and a friendly visit! All are welcome in this place!



**BISHOP'S
5K**
SEPTEMBER 24
9:00AM

Register
Online
Today!

**Funds raised
will benefit:**



Channel One



ECHO Food Shelf

**JOIN THE PEOPLE OF THE
SOUTHEASTERN MINNESOTA
SYNOD FOR THE 3RD ANNUAL
BISHOPS 5K!**

YOU CAN WALK OR RUN! THERE WILL BE A 3.1 MILE RUN AND A 1 MILE WALK. ALL ARE WELCOME. INVITE YOUR FAMILY AND FRIENDS. ONLINE REGISTRATION AND ADDITIONAL DETAILS ARE AVAILABLE ONLINE:

[HTTP://SEMNSYNOD.ORG/BISHOPS5K](http://semnsynod.org/bishops5k)

SEPTEMBER 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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2~ Norma Halverson
 ~ Treyten Chiglo
 4~ Naomi Wangen
 5~ Aubrey Wiley
 ~ Teigen Johnson
 6~ Julia Jacobson
 ~ Brenda Markegard
 ~ Gabriel Becker
 7~ Gordon Johnson
 ~ Todd James
 ~ Sara Johnson
 ~ Kayla Rislov
 ~ Kaleb Kendhammer
 8~ Carl Lawstuen
 ~ Richard Koop
 9~ Maynard Rustad
 ~ Mark Lee
 ~ Trenten Chiglo
 10~ Dennis Knutson
 ~ John Rein
 11~ Susan Lind
 ~ Troy Storhoff
 12~ Curtis Wangen
 ~ Larissa Ryan
 13~ Tonya Mensink
 ~ Kristina Stensgard

14~ Kristin Overland
 ~ Ryan Feine
 15~ Gordon Gulbranson ~
 Shari Michel
 ~ Tyler Drinkall
 16~ Lori Hundorf
 17~ Gordon Gullickson ~
 Jennifer Lee
 ~ Lucas Gravos
 18~ Marion Dahl
 ~ Michele Thompson
 ~ Hale Stensgard
 19~ Cayden Lea
 20~ Andrew Kelly
 ~ Aubrey Daniels
 21~ Gabriel Dybing
 ~ Hailey Paulson
 ~ Borgan Lee
 23~ Doreen Semmen
 ~ Bonnie Hallum
 ~ Carol Dybing
 ~ Mitchell Paulson
 ~ Jacob Paulson
 24~ John Overland
 ~ Ryan Jacobson
 26~ Derek Dahl
 ~ Kayla Bakkum
 ~ Jordan Markegard
 27~ Lyle Meldahl
 ~ Dick Lawstuen
 28~ Gene wangen
 ~ Jamie Wiley

~ Emma Eide
 29~ Terry Blagsvedt
 ~ Jason Yonts
 ~ Mabel Thomas
 30~ Kendall Bakkum
 ~ Cory Woxland
 ~ Erika Wangen
 ~ Katherine Halverson
 ~ Andrew Hoiness

Happy Anniversary

4~ Chuck & Sharon Ehler
 ~ Dave & Debbie Lawstuen
 6~ Marv & Carol Eggert
 ~ Gerrad & Amber Eide
 10~ Nick & Sarah Wangen
 14~ Jerry & Dorothy Evenson
 ~ William & Doreen Semmen
 ~ Bob & Paula Brand
 ~ Tom & Carol Dybing
 15~ Mike & Norine Ask
 16~ Dick & Diane Haight
 23~ Elvin & Marlys Paulson
 ~ Christopher & Ann Hoiland
 25~ Leigh & Kayla Volkman
 27~ Gene & Vicky Topness
 30~ Val & Mary Gudmundson

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 Visit our websites at...
elstadlutheranchurch.org
highlandprairielutheranchurch.org

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
				1	2	3
4 Worship @ HP 10:00 a.m. HP-Pepin Baptism	5	6	7 Confirmation Orientation 6:30 p.m. @ Elstad Bulletin Deadline	8	9	10
11 EL-8:30 a.m. S.S. @ HP 9:30 HP- 10:30 a.m. Rally Sunday @ HP Council Meetings @ Elstad HP @ 5:30 p.m. Parish @ 7:00 p.m. Elstad after Parish	12	13	14 Bulletin Deadline	15	16	17
18 EL-8:30 a.m. S.S.-9:30 a.m. HP-10:30 a.m. Rally Sunday @ EL	19 Newsletter Deadline	20	21 Bulletin Deadline	22	23	24
25 EL-8:30 a.m. S.S.-9:30 a.m. HP-10:30 a.m. HP-Bibles to preschoolers & SS children singing	26	27	28 Bulletin Deadline	29	30	

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Newsletter

HIGHLAND PRAIRIE ACOLYTES/READERS/GREETERS

SUNDAY, SEPTEMBER 4, 2016

ACOLYTES: HALE STENSGARD, JONAH SIEVERS
READERS: HALE STENSGARD, SHARON EHLE
GREETERS: ROGER & SARAH BEARBOWER

SUNDAY, SEPTEMBER 11, 2016

READERS: JONAH SIEVERS, SCOTT BESTUL
GREETERS: GORDON & ARLENE JOHNSON

SUNDAY, SEPTEMBER 18, 2016

ACOLYTES: TRENTEN CHIGLO, JENS LIND
READERS: TRENTEN CHIGLO, ARLENE JOHNSON
GREETERS: LYLE & ANN MELDAHL

SUNDAY, SEPTEMBER 25, 2016

ACOLYTES: JENS LIND, BRADY STENSGARD
READERS: JENS LIND, BECKY LIND
GREETERS: SHARON & PAUL EHLE

ELSTAD ACOLYTES/READERS/USHERS

SUNDAY, SEPTEMBER 4, 2016

WORSHIP @ HIGHLAND PRAIRIE

SUNDAY, SEPTEMBER 11, 2016

READER: VICKY TOPNESS

SUNDAY, SEPTEMBER 18, 2016

ACOLYTE: WILSON STORHOFF
READERS: WILSON STORHOFF, LORI BAKKE

SUNDAY, SEPTEMBER 25, 2016

READER: JOHN ABRAHAMSON

USHERS: JERRY EVENSON, DAVID BAKKE,
JEFF FREESE, STEVE STORHOFF,
WAYNE FINNEGAN, JOHN SMITH