

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

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**Worship Schedule**

**October 2016**

**Sunday, October 2<sup>nd</sup>**

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

**Sunday, October 9<sup>th</sup>**

8:30 a.m. Worship @ Elstad  
9:30 a.m. Sunday school  
10:30 a.m. Worship @ HP  
5:30 p.m. Highland Prairie  
Council meeting @ HP

**Sunday, October 16<sup>th</sup>**

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

**Sunday, October 23<sup>rd</sup>**

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

**Sunday, October 30<sup>th</sup>**

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

**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, Kalin Dahl, The Family of Jennifer Lee, The Family of DuWayne Klankowski and all who are ill or in need of your prayers.*

**Elstad WELCA Meeting**

Sunday, October 2, 9:30 a.m. after worship service  
Servers: Kim Halverson & Heidi Evenson

**Highland Prairie WELCA**

The Highland Prairie WELCA Bible Study will be held on Wednesday, October 5<sup>th</sup> at 1:30.

The Highland Prairie WELCA quilting and project day will be Wednesday, October 12<sup>th</sup> at 9:30 am with pot luck meal at noon.

The Fall Quilting Frolic will be held on October 7<sup>th</sup> and 8<sup>th</sup> beginning at 9:00 a.m. with pot luck meals at noon.



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.

October 9	Backpacks and car keys are blessed
October 23	Baptism shawls and prayer shawls are blessed
October 30	Reformation

## Pastor's Message October 2016

It's the time of year when birds are flocking for the flight south. Most birds that migrate in the company of others do so in a swarm. Geese however, fly in the very distinctive V formation.

Scientists share with us that geese fly in formation for two reasons. First it is easier. Each bird flies slightly higher than the bird he is following which leads to a reduction in wind resistance for all but the lead bird. The birds take it in turns to fly lead. When one is tired he drops back and other bird takes the lead position. Using a rotating leader means the group can fly far longer than any individual bird could alone.

The second reason to fly in the V formation is that it is easier to keep track of every bird in the group. (Fighter pilots use a V formation for this reason.) Scientists even speculate that flying in formation may help the birds with communication and coordination while in flight. Within the Christian community we don't travel in the V formation however, we receive some of the same benefits from being in the presence of each other as migrating geese do from flying in the V formation.

When we worship, serve, play and pray together we, like the geese, have more strength, patience, creativity and faith. We can lean on each other and benefit from sharing the gifts of each for the benefit of all. When a member of the Christian community (AKA Elstad or Highland Prairie) is tired, sick or done "flying" the lead position, we know another will take a turn "flying" the lead position.

While none of us can speak "Goose" we can all imagine that all those honks we hear as a V formation flies overhead translate into: Good Work! Thanks for the help. I'm tired. What can I do for you? We're nearly there. Has anyone seen (fill in the blank) today?

Below are some guidelines for how we can support each other as we travel through life together.

Shalom Pastor Marie

### **Thessalonians 5:11**

Therefore encourage one another and build each other up, just as in fact you are doing.

### **Romans 12:13**

Share with God's people who are in need. Practice hospitality.

### **1 John 3:16-18**

This is how we know what love is: Jesus Christ laid down his life for us. And we ought to lay down our lives for our brothers. If anyone has material possessions and sees his brother in need but has no pity on him, how can the love of God be in him? Dear children, let us not love with words or tongue but with actions.

## **Herbjorn Gausta Art Tour ~ October 20, 2016**

Artwork of **Norwegian-born** artist Herbjorn Gausta, renowned for his alter paintings, will be featured on this country church tour. We will also view historic works by three additional **Norwegian-American** painters, Sara Kirkeberg Raugland, Arne Berger and August Klagstad; informative narration by local guide. The full day motor coach tour begins in Harmony at **Greenfield Lutheran Church** at 9:30 a.m. and we will meander along the back roads through beautiful **Bluff Country**, stopping at seven country churches, which have preserved their original altars and furnishings.

A noon meal is included and will be served at **Scheie Lutheran Church** in **Newberg**. The menu features Norwegian-style cold lunch with a cup of soup, rommegrot and Norwegian baking.

**Reservations due by October 1, 2016**; no refunds after October 5th, \$50 per person with checks payable to **Harmony Area Historical Society, P.O. Box 291, Harmony, MN 55939**. Direct inquiries to [wiselcreek@gmail.com](mailto:wiselcreek@gmail.com)

**Herbjorn Nilson Gausta ~ 1854— 1924**

(immigrated to Harmony in 1867)

## ***Elstad Lutheran Church Council Meeting Minutes***

Sunday July 10, 2016

The meeting was held at Highland Prairie Lutheran Church.

President Dick Haight called the meeting to order at 5:30pm.

Roll call with Rachel Bearbower, Kay Wold, Jodie Daniels, Dick Haight, John Rein, Michelle Rein, and Jennifer Nepstad present.

The Agenda was reviewed. Motion was made by Michelle second by Rachel, to approve the modified Agenda. Motion carried.

There were no congregation members present to address the council.

The secretary's report from the May 9, 2016 council meeting was given. Motion made by Jodie, second by John, to approve the minutes.

The Treasures report was by Jennifer and placed on file for audit at a later date.

The President's report was given by Elstad president Dick Haight. He recently attended GEV meeting and presented an update. There is a current shortage of pastors which particularly affects small congregations.

There was no further Pastor's report beyond what was shared during the parish meeting.

Treasurer's report noted that giving has decreased some during the summer, much in line with last year.

A thank you note was received from Lutheran Campus Center for a gift of money sent in their support. We also received an brochure from ELCA that outlines how they utilize offerings to promote the growth and wellbeing of the church.

Jodie Daniels gave a brief report from the Call Committee. The MSP has been submitted, a mock interview was completed, and interviews are being scheduled.

Old Business:

- A) The Call committee continues to move forward with the call process.
- B) Steeple and window repairs are needed. We will try to move forward with repairs this summer.

New Business:

- A) There have been requests to include the entire minutes in the newsletter. Therefore, we will include the full meetings minutes instead of highlights.
- B) A parsonage committee will be formulated. This committee will include the Highland Prairie Council president Kyle Chigo, Gordon Johnson, Kay Dahl, Elstad Vice President Kay Wold, and 1 or 2 members of the Elstad congregation.

Parking Lot

Fire extinguishers

Motion was made to adjourn. The meeting was closed in prayer at 6:30pm.

Respectfully submitted by Michelle Rein, Elstad Lutheran Church council secretary.

# Highland Prairie Church Council Minutes

## August 2016

- A. Meeting called to order at 5:30 PM
  - B. Members Present: Karen Bakken, Sarah Bearbower, Kyle Chiglo, Becky Halverson-Lind, Steve Howe, Lyle Meldahl, Allan Skalet, Tim Stensgard. Members absent: Kay Dahl and Chris Hoiland.
  - D. Other Congregation members present, Pastor Marie AK Anderson and Lisa Chiglo.
  - E. A quorum was called.
  - F. Devotions were read by Becky.
  - G. Tim motioned to approve the agenda, seconded by Sarah, motion carried.
  - H. Pastor's Report:
    - a. Pastor is going to be gone the 13th-20th.
    - b. Confirmation Supplies have been ordered.
    - c. Pastor's has been to two events to acquire more required CEU's.
    - d. WELCA had toured Assisi Heights.
    - e. Joint Parsonage Anniversary Plans: Plan is to plant a tree and invite families to bring a cup of dirt from their homes.
    - f. The credenza from the parsonage for anyone who wants to take.
    - g. Pastor has been visiting homebound members.
    - I. Secretary's Report: sent out via email prior to the meeting for members to review. Steve made a motion to approve the secretary's report, Tim seconded. Motion carried.
  - J. Karen went over the Treasurer's Report. Motion to approve was made by Lyle and seconded by Sarah. Motion carried subject to review and audit.
  - K. President's Report was read by Kyle. Kyle thanked everyone for all the time and effort they put into our church.
  - L. Correspondence: Dan, Deb and Bill Book have transferred to Grace Lutheran Church in Peterson.
  - M. Church:
    - a. Steve bought new filters for the air conditioner.
  - N. Grounds:
    - a. Kyle took up the carpet outside the chapel.
    - b. Tim is going to pick up fallen branches from the storms.
  - O. Worship:
    - a. Pastor Marie and worship committee members will meet to work on the upcoming worships.
  - P. Youth and Education:
    - a. Looking for another mentor or two for the Confirmation class.
  - Q. Old Business:
    - a. Parking Lot repair will be revisited in the spring.
    - b. Donation for Henrytown Lutheran: Elstad and Highland Prairie Parish will match up to \$1000 with the traditional Elstad/HP split.
    - c. Golf cart keys will have something big connected to it so people are less likely to accidentally take them home. Also, insurance for the golf cart to list council members, ushers and pastor. All drivers must be licensed.
    - d. Website: Sarah will assume responsibility for the website once again since Deb Book has transferred to Grace Lutheran.
    - e. The Iris beds and tree branches are being cleaned up.
    - f. The Port A Potty has worked great.
    - g. Keep looking for new office software to update existing programs.
    - h. Review committee forms.
  - R. New Business: NONE
  - S. Sarah made a motion to adjourn the meeting, motion was seconded by Steve, motion carried. Meeting adjourned at 6:32 PM.
- Respectfully submitted by Rebecca Halverson-Lind Highland Prairie Lutheran Church Council Secretary.



# THE BRIDGE

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



The Southeastern Minnesota Synod includes two campus ministries and one student congregation. The campus ministries are Crossroads Campus Ministry in Mankato and the Lutheran Campus Center in Winona. The student congregation is St. Olaf College Student Congregation in Northfield. We give thanks for these ministries among us and the many ways they accompany young adults.

On October 23, 2016, all congregations are invited to celebrate **Campus Ministry Sunday**! As a synod, it is important that we come together to collectively honor and support the ways the Holy Spirit is at work on the college campuses within our synod.

There are a variety of ways you can incorporate Campus Ministry Sunday into the life of your congregation on October 23. Rev. Corrine Haulotte (Winona) and Rev. Tammy Dahlvang (Mankato) have put together a variety of resources including prayers, Bible readings, and hymn recommendations. They are available on our synod website at <http://semnsynod.org/campusministry>.

Our campus ministry connections in Mankato, Winona, and Northfield are places of welcome and acceptance for college students. Rev. Haulotte shares, "The Spirit is at work here...people are hearing on campus and in the community that we're a welcoming group, and they are starting to come and see!"

The people of the Southeastern Minnesota Synod have a wonderful opportunity to support the good work the Spirit is doing through campus ministries in our synod. Please make a commitment to uplift Campus Ministry Sunday on October 23!

To learn more about the campus ministries and student congregation within our synod, visit their websites!

## **Crossroads Campus Ministry – Mankato**

Rev. Tammy Dahlvang

[Welcome to Crossroads!](#)

## **Lutheran Campus Center – Winona**

Rev. Corrine Haulotte

<http://www.lccwinona.com/>

## **St. Olaf College Student Congregation**

Rev. Matthew Marohl & Rev. Katie Fick

[College Ministry](#)

We invite all congregations to be sure to include the following petition in their prayers of intercession on Campus Ministry Sunday:

God of grace and glory, you have created all people in your image and call us to love one another. We praise your name for your servants in Crossroads Campus Ministry, the Lutheran Campus Center, and the St. Olaf Student Congregation. We give thanks for all those who make known the good news of Christ Jesus on college campuses in our synod. Sustain these ministries with your grace so that they might continue to share your love in all they say and do. In your holy and precious name we pray, Amen.

# 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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happy  
birthday

1~ Charles Semmen  
~ Brad Kelly  
2~ Olive Peterson  
~ Sylvia Passow  
~ Kayla Volkman  
3~ Jensyn Storhoff  
6~ Valarie Howe  
~ Maci Pontillo  
~ Riley Pontillo  
7~ Alyssa Berg  
8~ Landon Volkman  
9~ Beth Smith  
~ Amy Jacobson  
10~ Chris Hoiland  
~ Jeremy Burt  
11~ Kyler Paulson  
12~ Amber Arends  
13~ Mary Carlson  
~ Garion Bedney  
~ Jade Butler  
15~ Cathy Bakke  
~ Creighton Hoiness  
~ Dominic Humble  
16~ Casey Pestle  
17~ Brandon Rustad

18~ Jerry Barrett  
~ Larry Topness  
~ Alison Freese  
20~ Joyce Dahl  
21~ Robert Olson  
~ Dylan Evenson  
22~ Gary Kiehne  
~ Duston Brookins  
23~ Sharon Howe  
~ Don Paulson  
24~ Erik Nelson  
~ Courtney Gravos  
25~ Melody Paulson  
27~ Tyler Knutson  
28~ Merlin Halverson  
29~ Karen Mierau  
~ Rita Kelly  
30~ Doris Dybing  
~ Marv Eggeret  
~ Nicole Johnson  
31~ Adam Woxland  
~ Brittany Johnson  
~ Hayden Stensgard



12~ Maynard & Sharon  
Rustad

16~ Ken & Helen Jacobson

~ John & Kathy Abrahamson

26~ Rick & Sandy Sjarpe

27~ Don & Melissa Paulson

~ Mitch & Nicole Paulson

# October 2016

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
						1 Feed My Starving Children-Winona
2 EL-WELCA 9:30 a.m. 8:30 Elstad 9:30 S.S. 10:30 HP EL-Rein Baptism	3	4	5 WELCA Bible study 1:30 p.m.	6	7 HP-Quilting Frolic 9:00 a.m.	8 HP-Quilting Frolic 9:00 a.m.
9 8:30 Elstad 9:30 S.S. 10:30 HP HP-Dahl Baptism HP-Council 5:30	10	11	12 WELCA Quilting 9:30	13	14	15
16 8:30 Elstad 9:30 S.S. 10:30 HP	17	18	19 Newsletter Deadline Bulletin Deadline	20	21	22
23 8:30 Elstad 9:30 S.S. 10:30 HP	24	25	26 Bulletin Deadline	27	28	29
30 8:30 Elstad 9:30 S.S. 10:30 HP	31					

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HIGHLAND PRAIRIE  
ACOLYTES/READERS/GREETERS

SUNDAY, OCTOBER 2, 2016

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

SUNDAY, OCTOBER 9, 2016

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

SUNDAY, OCTOBER 16, 2016

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

SUNDAY, OCTOBER 23, 2016

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

SUNDAY, OCTOBER 30, 2016

ACOLYTES: JONAH SIEVERS, TRENTEN CHIGLO  
READERS: JONAH SIEVERS, MICHELE THOMPSON  
GREETERS: SHARON & PAUL EHLER

ELSTAD  
ACOLYTES/READERS/USHERS

SUNDAY, OCTOBER 2, 2016

READER: GENE TOPNESS

SUNDAY, OCTOBER 9, 2016

READER: GLEE CLAUSSEN

SUNDAY, OCTOBER 16, 2016

ACOLYTE: ALISON FREESE  
READERS: ALISON FREESE, CAROLYN SMITH

SUNDAY, OCTOBER 23, 2016

READER: TOM DYBING

SUNDAY, OCTOBER 30, 2016

READER: VICKY TOPNESS

USHERS: MIKE CHIGLO, GENE TOPNESS,  
TRENT EIDE, NATHAN BAKKE,  
DICK HAIGHT