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MAY
NEWSLETTER

HP Readers/Acolytes/Greeters

Sunday, May 5, 2013

Acolytes: Bailey Bestul, Brooke Bestul

Readers: Scott Bestul, Bailey Bestul

Greeters: Roger & Sarah Bearbower

Sunday, May 12, 2013

Acolytes: Brooke Bestul, Bailey Bestul

Readers: Hannah Kopperud, Brooke Bestul

Greeters: Jerry & Shannon Kopperud

Sunday, May 19, 2013

Acolytes: Jordan Markegard, Nicole Blagsvedt

Readers: Sharon Ehler, Jordan Markegard

Greeters: Lyle & Ann Meldahl

Sunday, May 26, 2013

Acolytes: Nicole Blagsvedt, Kjersta Lind

Readers: Arlene Johnson, Nicole Blagsvedt

Greeters: Gary & Nancy Rustad

Elstad Readers/Acolytes/Ushers

Sunday, May 5, 2013

Acolyte: Christopher Freese

Reader: Kathy Abrahamson

Sunday, May 12, 2012

Acolyte:

Reader: Gene Topness

Sunday, May 19, 2013

Acolyte: Kody Bearbower

Reader: Lori Bakke

Sunday, May 26, 2013

Acolyte:

Reader: Tom Dybing

May Ushers: Mike Ask, Robert Knutson, Tom Smith, David Bakke, Jerry Evenson, Fred Kiel

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A Congregation of the Evangelical Lutheran Church in America

May, 2013

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May Worship Schedule

Sunday, May 5, 2013

Elstad

9:00 Worship

Baptism of Norah Lou Eide

10:00 Sunday school

Highland Prairie

9:30 Sunday school

10:30 Worship

Baptism of Ava Fox Paulson

Sunday, May 12, 2013

Elstad

9:00 Worship

10:00 Sunday school

Highland Prairie

9:30 Sunday school

10:30 Worship

Sunday, May 19, 2013

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Highland Prairie

10:30 Worship

Ponderings from the Parsonage

Author Frederick Buechner says this about vocation: Vocation comes from the Latin *vocare*, "to call" and means the work a person is called to by God. There are all different kinds of voices calling you to different kinds of work, and the problem is to find out which is the voice of God rather than of society, say, or the superego, or self-interest.

By and large a good rule for finding out is this: The kind of work God usually calls you to is the kind of work (a) that you need to do and (b) that the world needs to have done. If you really get a kick out of your work, you've presumably met requirement. The place God calls you to is the place where your deep gladness and the world's deep hunger meet. (F. Buechner, *Beyond Words*, p. 404-405)

Buechner's words ring true for me. I have discovered great joy as I grow into my calling as pastor of Highland Prairie and Elstad. I see it in my family. My daughter's passion for animals is being met in her calling as a veterinarian. My son's passion for computers is met in his work as a systems administrator. Each of us is doing something we love and in a setting that will benefit others.

How have you heard God's calling in your life?

Jimmy Stewart said that out of the 80 movies he made, "It's a Wonderful Life" was his favorite. He went on to say, "I've heard the film called 'An American cultural phenomenon.' Well, maybe so but it seems to me there is nothing phenomenal about the movie itself. It's simply about an ordinary man who discovers that living each ordinary day honorably, with faith in God and selfless concern for others, can make for a truly wonderful life."

We are called to love our neighbor daily. A mom or dad takes their kids to activities, a nurse or doctor cares for patients, a social worker helps families care for loved ones. These are all considered good work.

Some good works become our vocation or career: other good works are done as a volunteer. Both volunteer and daily good works are valuable and productive. One of the benefits of volunteer work as a parent or grandparent is that it helps our kids discern their vocational callings, so that it can become "their wonderful life."

The closest Jesus comes to talking about a wonderful life is found in John 10:10: "I came that they may have life, and have it abundantly." Providing abundant living was a calling of Jesus. It was not a self-centered abundance, but one of serving others.

So here is my "BALE" challenge to you: Become an Abundant Living Example for your kids, your grandkids and your neighbors. Help them discern "their wonderful life" by serving others.

Pastor Dan

Elstad Prayer Partners

Any day now. It will happen. It always does.

We will once again experience a new season and cycle of sowing, reaping, seedtime and harvest. Gardeners and people of agriculture plow, sow and thresh in the hope of sharing a harvest. However this cycle is not just for seeds grown in the fertile earth but for us as well!!

For some it has been long and dark and perhaps dreary, this season called winter. We all long for sunshine to warm our inner souls. How good it would be if we could plant a seed of encouragement to our prayer partner who might be anxious and discouraged. For you see we are all transporters of seeds...we transport seeds of our lives wherever we go. The winds and birds and creatures of nature carry seeds from place to place...so too, we have the gift of transporting a seed of joy, peace, love or grace wherever we go.

Very early on our prayer partners had spiritual seeds planted in the seedbed called her heart. Gardening shows always talk about how much can be grown in a container garden. Granted these seeds first appeared lifeless, pale and still. But even on Sesame Street they talk about the 3 necessary ingredients to make a seed grow, fertile soil, water and sunshine. Those interested in the garden learn the gardening terms, rooted deep down, cultivate, weeds and life from the ground up. Imagine for a moment, if you will, your prayer partner as one "blooming where she was planted" having spent her lifetime growing to maturity with the proper nourishment. We are all called to invest ourselves in the lives of others. We are called to plant and nourish those seeds. Remember your prayer partner this month, that her seeds will continue to grow into a fruitful harvest with the proper spiritual nourishment. That the landscape of her life will continue to be a thing of beauty that will reflect her Divine Creator busy at work. Pray for her to continue to bloom and bless others in her life...that her bloom will continue to grow far beyond her greatest expectation. For in each of us has been planted those seeds of joy, peace, love and grace...seeds which are meant to grow to a bountiful harvest.

Rhubarb Festival Bake Sale

In February the 2013 program for Elstad WELCA was approved. Holding a BAKE SALE during the annual Lanesboro Rhubarb Festival, Saturday, June 1st was also approved. We are asking every member capable to please bring baking to sell and have it to the park shelter by 9 a.m. if at all possible. Those unable to bake are asked to give/send a monetary donation to Darlys Storhoff, our treasurer. Any kind of baking is welcome and it does not have to have rhubarb in it. Please have your baking individually wrapped in sellable amounts such as a dozen cookies, six bars, etc. You determine how many to group together. If possible, have them wrapped on a paper plate (if needed) include a tape on them stating what they are and/or what ingredients are in them. Leave room on the tape to mark the price, which our Ways and Means Committee will handle for us. This is a busy time of the year for all of us but the bake sale is a great money-maker for us and we have gallons and gallons and gallons of paint to pay for in addition to other costs and budgeted items. Questions are always welcome and will be answered.

Elstad Save the Date

May 19th is the date for our recognition celebration. Celebrating those baptized in the last year, a cradle roll graduate, senior graduates and new members. Dick & Diane Haight have graciously offered to prepare their famous waffle brunch following the 9 a.m. service. You won't want to miss this one.

Our Highland Prairie church family is invited to join us for an open house graduation party in honor of Shane Jacobson, Rushford-Peterson Class of 2013, on Sunday, May 26, from 3:00-8:00 PM, at Highland Prairie Lutheran Church. Ryan & Leah Jacobson family

Elstad WELCA

April 14th at 9:30 a.m.

It was another dreary weather day but what a colorful and cheerful greeting prepared by the hands of our hosts of the morning. Hosts being Angel and Duane Bakke and Sandy Kiel. Being mindful of the time we enjoyed our coffee during the business meeting. The main part of the business involved around the discussion of the rhubarb festival bake sale on June 1st, the ongoing painting and facelift in the church, especially the basement area. There is plenty of opportunity for volunteer help and anticipation of the huge clean up that will be necessary once things are settled back in their proper places. New business revolved around the discussion of the May 19th recognition Sunday festival, a brief report from the president on the RR Conference meeting at Chatfield. Elstad sent 24 LWR quilts to this conference. There was also mention made for campership and vacation bible school expenses for our children. This will be discussed further at the July board meeting as there is no known policy for that right now, other than confirmation campership.

Requests will be honored for this season. The Elizabeth circle had arranged for Dr. Michelle Rein to share her wisdom and knowledge regarding women's health issues. Her presentation was a very informative talk accompanied with an educational hand-out on the national campaign of women and heart disease. Dr. Rein covered a host of areas of concern for every woman and how important awareness of these heart health issues really are to both herself and her family. Thank you Dr. Rein. The meeting was then adjourned.

P.S. Further information regarding the Rhubarb Festival bake sale on June 1st. After conversations with Nancy Martinson of the festival planners – she looked into the policy of labeling our foods. It is her understanding that for events making under \$5,000 there is no need for labels on the foods. History has proven that this is a good fund raiser so it might behoove us to bake huge for this event. Rhubarb plants should be abundant in a couple of weeks. In the meantime baking supplies are in the cupboards, recipes in the box, baking tools in the drawers and we are ready at the gate. Let's go for it!!

Ruth for WELCA

Isaac Freese's graduation will be held at the Sons of Norway Hall in Lanesboro, Sunday June 2nd following commencement which is at 1:30 p.m. in the Lanesboro High School Auditorium. It will go until 7 p.m. Please come and help us celebrate his graduation. No gifts are necessary. Feel free to reword this if necessary.

Benefit Concert May 5, 2013

Lanesboro Sons of Norway is having a benefit concert for their building fund at Bethlehem Lutheran on May 5th at 3pm. The chairman of that committee just called and asked if we would announce it. It is a group from Decorah, IA called the Luren Singers: <http://www.lurensingers.com>

**11th Annual Little Lambs Pre-School
Pie & Basket Auction**
Sunday-May 19, 2013
Lunch & Viewing
Starts at 11:00 A.M.
Auction starts at 12 noon
Everyone Welcome!

Esther Circle will meet on Saturday, May 4, 2013 at the home of Diane Haight.

Highland Prairie Mary Circle will meet on Wednesday, May 15th at 5:00 pm to clean the picnic shelter.

Highland Prairie Youth

Good Earth Village

It is not too late to sign up for camp sessions! There is a variety of sessions for all age groups and Highland Prairie offers scholarships to all members who attend. The scholarships cover a substantial part of the cost. If you are interested in attending, please go on line to goodearthvillage.org and you will find the details listed.

Elstad Youth

Remember to sign up for Summer Bible Camp!
There are a variety of sessions available. To sign up please go to the website listed above.

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Elstad Financials

March Budget

March budget	\$8,074.17
Received for March	\$6,558.00
Under for March	\$1,516.17
Budget YTD	\$24,222.51
Received YTD	\$19,355.00
Under YTD	\$ 4,867.51

Highland Prairie Financials

January – March

YTD Income	\$18,421
YTD Expenses	\$28,681
Expenses exc. Income	\$10,259
YTD Budget	\$21,643
YTD Income	\$18,421
YTD Under	\$ 3,222

May

Birthdays & Anniversaries

*Happy
Birthday!*

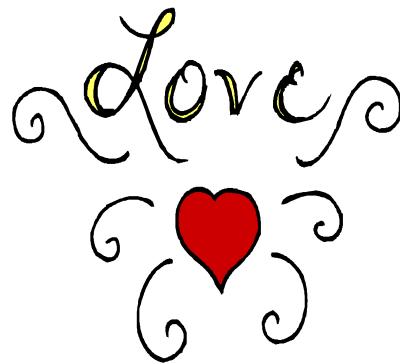
- 1-Sawyer Wolfs
- 2-James Mensink
- 3-William Semmen
 - David Semmen
 - Eric Storhoff
- 5-Carol Eggert
- 6-JoAnne Anderson
 - Daniel Storhoff
 - Bruce Thompson
- 8-Danielle Johnson
- 9-Pamela Johnson
 - Adam Rislov
- 10-Sean Pederson
 - Carol Anfinson
- 12-Robert Dahl
 - Kiah Halverson
- 13-Elaine Rygmer
 - Alexander Mierau
- 14-Gabriel Howe
- 15-Fred Kiel
 - Aaron Topness
- 16-Faith Eide



- 17-Loren Flattum
- 18-Sheryl Stadtmueller
- 19-Martha Gudmunson
 - Yvonne Freese
- 20-Norma Bratberg
 - Mike Chiglo
 - John Peterson
 - Clara Hoiland
- 22-Nicholas Bakke
 - Jana Olson
- 23-Kyle Daniels
- 24-Carson Johnson
- 25-Myron Passow
 - Tina Westby
 - Harber Kanz
 - Kyle Britson
- 26-Lisa Sievers
 - Jarad Olson
 - Jacob James
- 27-Jordan Kiel
 - Ethan Bergan
 - Quentin Daniels
- 28-Gavin Pearce
- 29-Diane Haight
- 30-Mrs. Paula Brand
 - Mike Ask
- 31-Kate Gellerson
 - Nicole Waxland
 - Brody Gellerson

*HAPPY
ANNIVERSARY!*

- 3-Peter & Tiffany Ask
- 6-Wilfred & Ingrid Pape
- 11-Peter & Shelly Stensgard
- 14-Shelby & Doris Westby
- Fred & Sandy Kiel
- 15-Wayne & Joan Finnegan
- Everett & Shirley Dolalie
- 19-Robert & Sharon Knutson
- 20-Dan & Deb Book
- Seth & Tiffany Humble
- 22-John & Michelle Rein
- 27-Daryl & Sharyl Bergem
- Stan & Cindy Sveen
- 31-Doug & Becky Lind



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SUN MON TUE WED THU FRI SAT

HIGHLAND PRAIRIE - ELSTAD LUTHERAN PARISH 43267 BOWL DRIVE PETERSON, MN 55962				1	2	3	4
				Bulletin Deadline 12 noon	Esther Circle @ home of Diane Haight		
5 9:00 EL Worship Baptism Norah Eide 9:30 HP Sunday School 10:00EL Sunday School 10:30 HP Worship Baprism Ava Paulson	6	7	8	9	10	11	
				Bulletin Deadline 12 noon			
12 9:00 EL Worship 9:30 HP Sunday School 10:00EL Sunday School 10:30 HP Worship Sunday School Program	13	14	15	16	17	18	
				Mary Circle 5p.m. clean picnic shelter	Bulletin Deadline 12 noon		
19 9:00 EL Worship 10:30 HP Worship	20	21	22	23	24	25	
				Newsletter Deadline	Bulletin Deadline 12 noon		
26 9:00 EL Worship 10:30 HP Worship	27	28	29	30	31		
				Bulletin Deadline 12 noon			