

Elstad- Highland Prairie Lutheran Parish

# August Newsletter 2024

## OFFICE HOURS

If you want to set up a time to meet with Pastor Jackie or Lisa please call or email the church to set up a time.

**Pastor Jackie** will typically be in the office

Monday 12-5 & Wednesdays 8-4.

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**Lisa** will be in the office on Thursday (1st, 8th, 15th) mornings from 9 - 11 a.m.

We are both happy to arrange another time to meet with you.

Lisa Chiglo, Parish Secretary/Administrator

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## Stewardship

THE CAREFUL AND RESPONSIBLE MANAGEMENT OF SOMETHING ENTRUSTED TO ONE'S CARE

**TOGETHER WE CAN MAKE A HUGE DIFFERENCE.  
THE MONTH OF AUGUST OUR MINISTRY FOCUS  
WILL BE SCHOOL SUPPLIES  
PLACE YOUR ITEMS IN THE BASKET AT CHURCH  
WE WILL BE DONATING THE ITEMS COLLECTED AT  
THE END OF THE MONTH TO LOCAL SCHOOLS.**



**"LOVE GOD. LOVE OTHERS. THE WORLD."**

## In our Prayers

David & Lori Bakke, Sharon Ehler, Emily Charlebois, Scott Bestul, Julian Highum, Robert & Sharon Knutson, Marlys Paulson, Peter Kennedy, Jerry Dahl, Glen Bakken, Logan Johnson, Cathy Bakke, Amy Timmerann, Ellen Highum, Lisa Gile, as well as for all who are ill, suffering, or in need of prayers.

# Pastors Corner

As we step into August, we find ourselves in another season of transition. The long, hot days of summer will soon be giving way to the cool promise of autumn. The kids will start preparing to return to school, and our daily routines will begin to shift once again. I pray we embrace this season with open hearts and minds.

**Ecclesiastes 3:1 reminds us**, "To everything, there is a season, and a time for every purpose under heaven." Change is an inevitable part of life, and it is in these moments of transition that we often find our greatest opportunities for growth. Whether we are preparing to send our kids off to college, or facing new challenges at work, changes in our family dynamics, or personal struggles, we can find comfort in knowing that God is with us every step of the way.

As we navigate these changes, we remember the importance of community. Our church is not just a building; it is a family of believers who support one another in times of joy and times of sorrow. I find myself being extremely grateful for all the support that was given to my family after the passing of my mother and I am encouraged when I see our members supporting one another.

I pray that we will continue to share our stories, lend a helping hand, and offer a listening ear to one another. Together, we are strengthening our bonds and working to building a community that is rooted in love and faith.

I pray that this month, we will each have opportunities to connect and grow together as a parish. Our trip to the Guthrie, Bible studies, Quilting, Vacation Bible School August 9-11 & the Bowl service on August 18th are all wonderful opportunities for us to enjoy fellowship and fun.

Blessings to you all,

Pr. Jackie

**Pastor Jackie will be on vacation August 12-18.**

**Pr. Sarah Walker Brown will be available for  
Pastoral emergencies.**

**Pr. Chris Miller will be leading worship on  
August 18th.**





# AUGUST HAPPENINGS



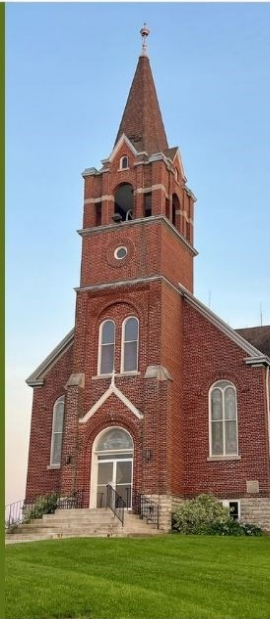
## 2024 Bowl Service Schedule

July 28: Worship: Fatherland

August 18: RLC Praise Team

September 8: Gary Froiland

In Honor of the 170th Anniversary of Elstad Lutheran Church we will be having a float in the Lanesboro Buffalo Bill Days Parade on August 4!! We are looking for folks to ride on the float. WE would love to have the children ride on the float as well as folks to walk the alongside the float! Contact Gene Topness or a council member for more information.



## Bible Study & Circles

### Highland Prairie

Wednesday, August 14  
Bible study at 1:30

Wednesday, August 21  
Do Day, 9:00 a.m.  
Followed by fellowship and a potluck meal.

### Elstad

Esther Circle - 2nd Thursday of the Month Meets 9:30

Leah Circle - Meets on 2nd Tuesday of the Month Meets in Lansboro @ 2:00

Elizabeth Circle - 2nd Wednesday at Park Lane in Preston @ 8:30

Bible Study - Meets at Bethlehem in Lanesboro on Monday @ 9:30

Mark your calendar

Elstad Lutheran Church

## Drive Thru Pork Burger Dinner

Sylvan Park, Lanesboro

WEDNESDAY, SEPTEMBER 4 • 5PM TO 7PM

**\$10** 1 BURGER MEAL

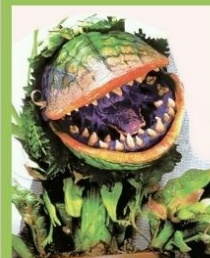
**\$14** 2 BURGER MEAL

INCLUDES PORK BURGER, CHIPS, FROSTED BROWNIE, BOTTLED WATER

PRE-PURCHASE TICKETS AT GRANNY'S LIQUOR OR FROM AN ELSTAD COUNCIL MEMBER



## LITTLE SHOP OF HORRORS



The Bus will be leaving Elstad @ 3:45 on August 7th! Pack your dinner to be eaten on the bus on our way up.

# Youth & Family

2024 ELCA Youth Gathering

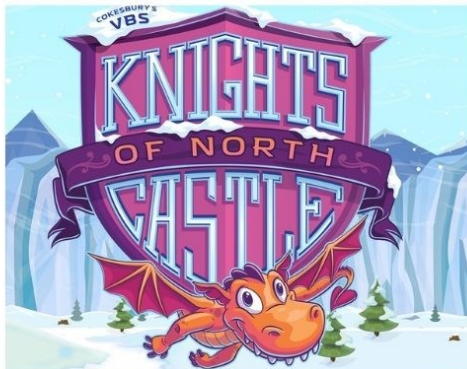
**CREATED**

**TO BE** MYLE  
the table Young Adult



**Psalms 139:14**  
I praise you because  
I am fearfully and  
wonderfully made;  
your works are wonderful,  
I know that full well.

- ~ Inspired
- ~ Disciples
- ~ Authentic
- ~ Brave
- ~ Disruptive



**Community  
VACATION BIBLE  
SCHOOL**  
August 9-11  
@ Highland Prairie  
Talk to Pastor  
Jackie to  
register or  
to sign- up to help!



We hosted 14 youth for our first Parish Camp-in! In between thunderstorms we enjoyed devotions, Games, swimming, hide and seek in the dark, camp donuts, endless games of four square and a few water balloons. We had a TON of Fun!!



## Highland Prairie & Elstad Lutheran Church Council Meeting Minutes

Sunday, July 14, 2024

Elstad Lutheran Church

The meeting was held at Elstad Lutheran Church with Elstad's president, Gene Topness, calling the meeting to order at 6:39 p.m.

Roll call was taken. Council members present were Amy Jacobson, Mike Pepin, David Markegard, Robert Anfinson, Kathy Abrahamson, Jennifer Nepstad, Tanya Wolfs, and Krissy Overland. Steve Howe, Val Howe, Mary Gudmundson, Karen Bakken and Christopher Nelson were absent. A Quorum was called.

Others present: Pastor Jackie Short

Agenda was reviewed. Motion to approve the agenda made by Kyle Chiglo, seconded by Kathy Abrahamson. Motion carried.

Devotions read by Kristi Gudmundson.

**Congregation members present to address the council:** None

**President's report:** Kyle Chiglo thanked the council members for volunteering their time and efforts to serve on the parish council. It is much appreciated.

**Pastor's report:** No pastor's report at this time.

**Correspondence received:** None

**Old business/committee reports:** None

**Youth Update:** Pastor Jackie hosted a youth campout at Highland Prairie the weekend of July 12-14. Approximately 15 kids attended from Elstad, Highland Prairie and Evanger Lutheran Church in Sargeant. The event was a success and included yard games, campfires and fellowship. The kids had a blast!

**New business:**

1. The council discussed parsonage repairs including the need for another air conditioning unit. Kyle Chiglo suggested the church purchase a dual tube tower AC for the parsonage for better cooling and efficiency. Amber Arends made a motion to approve, seconded by Amy Jacobson. Motion carried. If Pastor Jackie's husband can find a window where the spare window AC unit will work, Kyle Chiglo made a motion to approve him doing that. Kristi Gudmundson seconded. Motion approved.

2. The council agreed that the first bowl service of the season (June) was a great success with more than 200 people in attendance. The next bowl service on July 28 will include an outdoor market and an old time baseball game. All are welcome to participate.

The secretary's report was given. Motion to approve was made by Amber Arends, seconded by Mike Pepin. Motion carried.

Motion to adjourn the meeting was made by Amber Arends, seconded by Krissy Overland. Meeting adjourned at 7:41 p.m. Closed with the Lord's Prayer.

Next joint council meeting is at Highland Prairie on Sunday, September 8 at 6:30 p.m.

**Submitted by:** Tanya Wolfs, Elstad council secretary

# Elstad Lutheran Church Council Meeting Minutes

Sunday, July 14, 2024

Elstad Lutheran Church

The meeting was called to order by President Gene Topness at 7:44 p.m.

Roll call: Pastor Jackie, Gene Topness, Kathy Abrahamson, Krissy Overland, Jennifer Nepstad, Amber Arends and Tanya Wolfs were present. Christopher Nelson was missing. A Quorum was called.

The agenda was reviewed. A motion to approve was made by Krissy Overland, seconded by Kathy Abrahamson. Motion carried.

**Treasurer's Report:** Krissy made a motion to approve, Gene Topness seconded.

**Congregation members present to address the council:** None

**President's report:** None

**Pastor's report:** No additional pastor's report at this time.

**Correspondence received:** President Gene Topness read a Thank You card from Quentin Daniels about how much he appreciated his trip to Good Earth Village.

## Old business:

Church repairs - Still waiting on the contractors to start the tuckpointing and steeple shingling.

## New business:

1. The council reviewed the plans and costs for doing the drive-thru meal on Sept. 4. Amber Arends made a motion to approve the cost, Jennifer Nepstad seconded. Motion approved. Meal tickets will be available in early August. Watch for more details!
2. The church is planning a float in the Buffalo Bill Days parade to commemorate the 170th anniversary of the church. A team of people are working on the details and will use it as an opportunity to advertise the drive-thru dinner as well.

The treasurer's report was reviewed. Krissy Overland made a motion to accept, seconded by Gene Topness. Motion carried. The report will be placed on file for audit at a later date.

The secretary's report was given. Motion to approve was made by Amber Arends, seconded by Kathy Abrahamson. Motion carried.

Motion was made by Krissy Overland to adjourn, seconded by Amber Arends. Meeting adjourned at 8:22 p.m.

Next council meeting is at Highland Prairie Lutheran Church on Sunday, Sept. 8 at 5:30 p.m.

**Submitted by:** Tanya Wolfs, council secretary

### Elstad Financials for June 2024

Elstad budget for June	\$8407.00
Received June	\$ 4770.00
Under June	\$ 3637.00
Elstad Budget YTD	\$50442.00
Received YTD	\$36957.00
Under YTD	\$ 13485.00

# Highland Prairie Lutheran Church Council Meeting

July 14, 2024

The meeting was called to order at 5:35 p.m. by President Kyle Chiglo.

Council Members present were Robert Anfinson, Kyle Chiglo, Amy Jacobson, David Markegard, Mike Pepin, and Kristi Gudmundson. Karen Bakken, Mary Gudmundson, Val Howe, and Steve Howe were absent.

Devotions were given by Kristi Gudmundson.

A quorum was determined and Kyle asked that "Bowl Benches" be added to agenda. A motion to approve the agenda as amended was made by David Markegard. Mike Pepin seconded. Motion carried.

No congregation members present.

Mike Pepin read the partial Treasurer's Report that was submitted by Karen Bakken prior to her absence. No vote taken as numbers were not final.

President's Report – President Kyle Chiglo thanked council members for their willingness and commitment to serve the Highland Prairie congregation.

Pastor's Report given by Pastor Jackie Short. Pastor Chris Miller enjoyed his time serving as a supply pastor for both Highland Prairie and Elstad recently.

Correspondence: Pastor Jackie stated that she had spoken with Luther Magelssen via phone. He expressed his joy and appreciation that Highland Prairie continues in its mission to serve through ministry in Christ.

Committee Reports: Pastor Jackie urged all Committees to meet on a regular basis.

Church –

Grounds Committee – Tree branch down from recent storm near bandstand to be removed. Fire ring was built, but not used, by youth campers near the Bowl on their youth campout weekend. Parking lot sealing was completed satisfactorily and communication by the contractor was good.

Worship Committee –

Youth & Education Committee – Pastor Jackie hosted a youth campout at Highland Prairie the weekend of July 12-14. Approximately 15 kids attended from Highland Prairie, Elstad, and Evanger Lutheran Church in Sargeant. The event was a success and included yard games, cookouts, and fellowship. Pastor hopes to continue hosting youth gatherings for parish and area youth at our church campus in the future.

Old Business –

New Business— The poor condition of some benches in the Bowl was discussed. A motion was made by David Markegard for Kyle to purchase new planks to replace those in poor condition. Seconded by Mike Pepin. Motion carried

The Secretary's report is to be distributed for a vote via email at a later date to give Kristi Gudmundson time to compile into an electronic document in light of the Secretary's absence.

A motion to adjourn with the Lord's Prayer at 6:35 p.m. was made by David Markegard, Amy Jacobson seconded. Motion carried.

The Secretary's report was emailed on Monday, July 15. A motion was made by Kyle Chiglo to approve the Secretary report pending corrections. David Markegard seconded the motion. Motion carried, Secretary's report approved as amended.

Respectfully submitted,

Kristi Gudmundson

Next Meeting is August 11<sup>th</sup> 5:30 pm at Highland Prairie.

<b>Highland Prairie Financials for June 2024</b>	
YTD Income	\$ 52,271
YTD Expenses	\$ 44,526
Expenses Exceed Income	\$ 7,745
YTD Budget	\$ 55,752
YTD Income	\$ 52,271
YTD Under	\$ 3,481

# AUGUST BIRTHDAYS AND ANNIVERSARIES!

All Birthdays & Anniversaries are listed according to the information on file.

If you see an error please contact Lisa Chiglo ~ Email: [elstadhighlandprairieparish@gmail.com](mailto:elstadhighlandprairieparish@gmail.com)

HAPPY  
BIRTHDAY

HAPPY  
ANNIVERSARY

1~ Lori Keller  
2~ Trinity Johnson  
3~ Tyler Schafner  
~ Abigail Bacon  
4~ Jodie Daniels  
~ Laramie Lind  
5~ Larry Dahl  
~ Michael Gudmundson  
6~ Steven Good  
~ Chellsey Olson  
~ Kayla Nelson  
~ Oliver Kendhammer  
7~ Anna Kiel  
~ Jens Lind  
8~ Brittany Olson  
~ Theodora Amberg  
10~ Gerrad Eide  
~ Brady Boyum  
11~ Barb Soppa  
~ Shelly Berg  
~ Bennett Vitse  
12~ Jordan Johnson  
~ Lindsay Hoiness  
13~ Karen Schumacher  
~ Keith Halverson

14~ David Larson  
~ Rhonda Good  
~ Amy Kelly  
16~ Kenny Peterson  
~ Cheryl Halvorson  
~ Tanya Self  
~ Laci Sievers  
18~ Darrel Highum  
~ Daniel Lind  
~ Ella Dammen  
19~ Monica Lee  
~ Brianna Horning  
20~ Thea Arends  
24~ Sanna Pederson  
~ Adeline Johnson  
25~ Mira Anderson  
~ Sander Michel  
26~ Gene Topness  
28~ Willow Kelly  
~ Jackson Bearbower  
29~ Logan Rein  
31~ Steve Storhoff  
~ Nicole Blagsvedt

4~ Gerald & Bonnie Hallum  
~ Jeffery & Sylvia Passow  
6~ Roger & Sarah  
Bearbower  
9~ Ryan & Leah Jacobson  
14~ Terry & Susan Blagsvedt  
15~ Erik & Kallee Nelson  
16~ Christopher & Shelby  
Nelson  
20~ Tim & Jennifer  
Stensgard  
20~ Rex & Rachel  
Bearbower  
21~ David & Brenda  
Markegard  
29~ Jerry & Joyce Dahl  
31~ Kyle & Lisa Chiglo



# AUGUST 2024

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Visit our websites at...

[elstadlutheranchurch.org](http://elstadlutheranchurch.org)

[highlandprairielutheranchurch.org](http://highlandprairielutheranchurch.org)

SUN	MON	TUE	WED	THU	FRI	SAT
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4 HP—9:00 a.m. EL—10:30 a.m.	5 Bible study— 9:30 a.m. @ Bethlehem in Lanesboro	6	7 Elizabeth circle—8:30 a.m.  Bulletin Deadline	8 Esther circle 9:30 a.m.	9 VBS	10 VBS
11 VBS HP—9:00 a.m. EL—10:30 a.m. HP council meeting 5:30 p.m.	12 Bible study— 9:30 a.m. @ Bethlehem in Lanesboro	13 Leah circle 2:00 p.m.	14 HP WELCA Bible study 1:30  Bulletin Deadline	15	16	17
18 Outdoor Parish Worship @ HP 10:30 a.m.	19 Bible study—9:30 a.m. @ Bethlehem in Lanesboro  Newsletter Deadline	20	21 HP WELCA Do-Day 9 a.m.  Bulletin Deadline	22	23	24
25 HP—9:00 a.m. EL—10:30 a.m.	26 Bible study— 9:30 a.m. @ Bethlehem in Lanesboro	27	28  Bulletin Deadline	29	30	31

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HIGHLAND PRAIRIE

ACOLYTES/READERS/GREETERS

SUNDAY, AUGUST 4, 2024

ACOLYTES: HUNTER LEE, BRODY GELLERSEN

READERS: HUNTER LEE

GREETERS:

SUNDAY, AUGUST 11, 2024

ACOLYTES: BRODY GELLERSEN, MATHEW GUDMUNDSON

READERS: BRODY GELLERSEN

GREETER:

SUNDAY, AUGUST 18, 2024

OUTDOOR PARSIH WORSHIP @ 10:30 A.M.

READERS: MATHEW GUDMUNDSON

GREETERS:

SUNDAY, AUGUST 25, 2024

ACOLYTES: CAIDEN DAHLE

READERS: CAIDEN DAHLE

GREETERS:

ELSTAD

ACOLYTES/READERS/USHERS

SUNDAY, AUGUST 4, 2024

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GREETERS:

SUNDAY, AUGUST 11, 20234

ACOLYTE:

READERS:

GREETER:

SUNDAY, AUGUST 18, 2024

OUTDOOR PARSIH WORSHIP @ 10:30 A.M.

SUNDAY, AUGUST 25, 2024

ACOLYTE:

READERS:

GREETERS:

USHERS: JOHN & CAROL OVERLAND