

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

*~ October 2023 ~*

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**October Worship  
Schedule**

**Sunday, October 1, 2023**

**Time after Pentecost**

**Highland Prairie—9:00 a.m.  
Elstad—10:30 a.m.**

Ezekiel 18:1-4, 25-32  
Psalm 25:1-9  
Philippians 2:1-13  
Matthew 21:23-32

**Sunday, October 8, 2023**

**Time after Pentecost**

**Highland Prairie—9:00 a.m.  
Elstad—10:30 a.m.**

Isaiah 5:1-7  
Psalm 80:7-15  
Philippians 3:4b-14  
Matthew 21:33-46

**Sunday, October 15, 2023**

**Time after Pentecost**

**Highland Prairie—9:00 a.m.  
Elstad—10:30 a.m.**

Isaiah 25:1-9  
Psalm 23  
Philippians 4:1-9  
Matthew 22:1-14

**Sunday, October 22, 2023**

**Time after Pentecost**

**Highland Prairie—9:00 a.m.  
Elstad—10:30 a.m.**

Isaiah 45:1-7  
Psalm 96:1-9 [10-13]  
1 Thessalonians 1:1-10  
Matthew 22:15-22

**Sunday, October 29, 2023**

**Time after Pentecost**

**Reformation Sunday**

Leviticus 19:1-2, 15-18  
Psalm 1  
1 Thessalonians 2:1-8  
Matthew 22:34-46

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*Prayer Corner*

*Scriptures tell us to pray without ceasing. Let's be known as a praying congregation. Please keep Ferne Brewster, Lisa Bakkum, Sharon Ehler, Emily Charlebois, Julian Highum, Robert Knutson, and all others who are ill or in need of our prayers.*

The Elstad Council would like to thank everyone for supporting our drive thru dinner. We had a great turn out. We had a profit of \$2400 to put towards repair of the church steeple.

Highland Prairie Quilting Frolic will be held October 6<sup>th</sup> & 7<sup>th</sup>. We will be completing quilts and getting kits ready for our Stewardship Sunday (October 8<sup>th</sup>). Anyone wishing to come are welcome!

We are also looking for volunteer (s) to haul the quilts and kits to La Crosse on October 14<sup>th</sup>. The kits need to be there between 7 – 11 a.m. If you have any questions, please contact Cathy Bakkum.

Highland Prairie will be serving brunch on Sunday, October 8<sup>th</sup>, after worship service. The menu will consist of scrambled eggs, sausage links, hash browns, juice, milk, and coffee, and maybe some surprises. Free will offering for the brunch will help pay for the shipping of our stewardship kits. All are welcome!

Highland Prairie Council Meeting  
Sunday, October 8, 2023, 5:30 p.m. at Highland Prairie

## **Elstad-Highland Prairie Lutheran Church Joint Council Meeting**

**September 10, 2023**

The meeting was called to order at 6:37 p.m. by President Kyle Chiglo.

Council Members Kathy Abrahamson, Amber Arends, Jennifer Nepstad, Krissy Overland, Gene Topness, Robert Anfinson, Karen Bakken, Mary Gudmundson, Steve Howe, and Val Howe, Lyle Meldahl were present. Sharon Ehler, David Markegard, Chris Nelson, Mike Pepin, and Aimee Rodgers were absent.

A quorum was determined and a motion to approve the agenda as presented was made by Krissy Overland, Amber Arends seconded. Motion carried.

Devotions were given by Pastor Alma Buco

No visitors were present.

There were no Presidents' Reports

Pastor's Report – Pastor Alma is finishing things up through last service on the 24<sup>th</sup>, last official day is the 26<sup>th</sup>.

Youth Report – Rally Sunday went well. Confirmation student meeting on 13<sup>th</sup>.

Correspondence received from Solveig Storhoff of some historic items.

**Old Business:** Gutter Guards update

**New Business:** Pastor Alma's recognition – Val Howe moved to change Highland Prairie service to 9:00 and Elstad 10:30 next Sunday, September 17<sup>th</sup> for farewell potlucks. Steve Howe seconded. Motion carried.

Call Committee update.

The Secretary's report was read and a motion to approve as read was made by Gene Topness, Kathy Abrahamson seconded. Motion carried.

A motion to adjourn with the Lord's Prayer was made at 7:07 p.m. by Val Howe, Gene Topness seconded. Motion carried.

Next joint meeting will be at 6:30 pm on November 12, 2023, at Elstad.

## Highland Prairie Lutheran Church Council Meeting

September 10, 2023

The meeting was called to order at 7:11 p.m. by President Kyle Chiglo

Council Members present were Robert Anfinson, Karen Bakken, Kyle Chiglo, Mary Gudmundson, Steve Howe, Val Howe and Lyle Meldahl. Sharon Ehler, David Markegard and Mike Pepin were absent.

Devotions were given at the joint council meeting.

A quorum was determined, and a motion to approve the agenda as presented was made by Val Howe, Lyle Meldahl

seconded. Motion carried.

No congregation members present.

The Treasurer's Report was given by Karen Bakken. The year-to-date information provided was income of \$54,125.00 expenses \$62,260.00; expenses exceed income by \$8,135.00. A motion to approve as presented was made by Val Howe, Steve Howe seconded. Motion carried.

There was no President's Report

Pastor's Report was given at the joint meeting.

Correspondence – none

Committee Reports:

Church –

Grounds – Parking lot seal coating – pending information from Mike Pepin

Worship – At the joint meeting it was moved to hold the Highland Prairie September 17<sup>th</sup> worship service at 10:30 to allow for a potluck dinner to honor Pastor Alma Buco

Youth & Education – Sunday School teachers needed, please contact Chellsey Olson.

Old Business: None

New Business: Pastor Alma recognition. Departing gift of \$150.00 motion by Steve Howe, Val Howe seconded. Motion carried.

The Secretary's report was read and a motion to approve was made by Val Howe, Karen Bakken seconded. Motion carried.

A motion to adjourn with the Lord's Prayer at 7 :45 p.m. was made by Val Howe, Steve Howe seconded. Motion carried.

Respectfully submitted, Mary Gudmundson

Next Meeting is October 8<sup>th</sup> 5:30 at Highland Prairie.

### Highland Prairie Financials for August 2023

YTD Income	\$ 54,125
YTD Expenses	\$ 62,260
Expenses Exceed Income	\$ 8,135
YTD Budget	\$ 71,336
YTD Income	\$ 54,125
YTD Under	\$ 17,211

Elstad Lutheran Church Council Meeting Minutes

Sunday September 10th, 2023

At Highland Prairie Church

The meeting was called to order by President Gene Topness at 5:33pm.

Roll call: Missing members include Aimee Rodger and Chris Nelson. A Quorum was called.

The agenda was reviewed. A motion to approve the agenda was made by Kathy Abrahamson and seconded by Amber Arends. Motion passed.

There are no congregation members present to address the council.

Pastor Alma's report will be reviewed at the joint meeting.

The treasurer's report was reviewed. Amber Arends made a motion to place the treasurer's report on file for audit at a later date and seconded by Kathy Abrahamson. Motion carried.

No president's report

Correspondence received: A thank you was received from the family of Naomi Wangen.

Old Business:

Drive thru dinner update – The drive thru dinner was a big success, and we sold out of everything we had. We raised over \$2400 which will help to cover the costs of our upcoming church repairs. A motion from Amber Arends was made to send a thank you along with a \$100 to Nick Ruen for his time and help grilling the pork burgers. A second was made by Gene Topness.

Repairs – Gene has been doing some painting over at the church and dealing with some bees in the room behind the organ. Gene has found a couple holes where they have been getting in, and he is going to get some caulk and spray foam to fill the holes and take care of the problem. Roman Yoder will hopefully be coming in October to repair the steeple.

New Business:

No new business at this time

Secretary's report was given. Motion to approve the report was given by Jennifer Nepstad, and seconded by Amber Arends. Motion passed.

Motion was made by Kathy Abrahamson to adjourn; a second was given by Jennifer Nepstad. The meeting was adjourned at 6:21pm.

Secretary's report submitted by Krissy Overland.

**Elstad Financials for August 2023**

Elstad budget for June	\$7454.83
Received May	\$ 4489.00
Under May	\$ 2965.83
Elstad Budget YTD	\$ 59638.64
Received YTD	\$ 39945.83
Under YTD	\$ 19692.81

# 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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1~ Charles Semmen  
~ Natalie Schelper  
2~ Olive Peterson  
~ Sylvia Passow  
3~ Jensyn Storhoff  
6~ Val Howe  
~ Maci Pontillo  
~ Riley Pontillo  
7~ Alyssa Berg  
9~ Beth Smith  
~ Amy Jacobson  
10~ Chris Hoiland  
~ Jeremy Burt  
12~ Amber Arends  
13~ Mary Carlson  
~ Jadye Butler  
~ Carsen Nelson  
15~ Cathy Bakke  
~ Creighton Hoiness  
~ Dominic Humble

16~ Casey Pestle  
17~ Brandon Humble  
18~ Jerry Barrett  
~ Larry Topness  
~ Alison Freese  
20~ Joyce Dahl  
21~ Dylan Evenson  
22~ Gary Kiehne  
~ Dustin Brookins  
23~ Sharon Howe  
24~ Erik Nelson  
~ Courtney Gravois  
~ Gwenyth Rein  
27~ Tyler Knutson  
28~ Merlin Halverson  
29~ Karen Mierau  
30~ Doris Dybing  
~ Nicole Johnson  
31~ Adam Woxland  
~ Brittany Johnson  
~ Hayden Stensgard

12~ Maynard & Sharon  
Knutson  
16~ Ken & Helen Jacobson  
~ John & Kathy Abrahamson  
17~ Josh & Kristi Rein  
26~ Rick & Sandy Sjarpe

# October 2023

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Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
<b>1</b>	<b>2</b>	<b>3</b>	<b>4</b>  Confirmation 6:30 p.m.  Bulletin Deadline	<b>5</b>	<b>6</b>  HP—Quilting/ Craft Frolic	<b>7</b>  HP— Quilting/ Craft Frolic
<b>8</b>  HP—9:00 a.m. EL -10:30 a.m.  HP Council— 5:30 p.m. @ HP	<b>9</b>	<b>10</b>	<b>11</b>  HP WELCA Bible Study—1:30 p.m.  Confirmation 6:30 p.m.  Bulletin Deadline	<b>12</b>	<b>13</b>	<b>14</b>
<b>15</b>  HP—9:00 a.m. EL -10:30 a.m.	<b>16</b>	<b>17</b>	<b>18</b>  Confirmation 6:30 p.m.  Bulletin Deadline	<b>19</b>  Newsletter Deadline	<b>20</b>	<b>21</b>
<b>22</b>  HP—9:00 a.m. EL -10:30 a.m.	<b>23</b>	<b>24</b>	<b>25</b>  Confirmation 6:30 p.m.  Bulletin Deadline	<b>26</b>	<b>27</b>	<b>28</b>
<b>29</b>  HP—9:00 a.m. EL -10:30 a.m.	<b>30</b>	<b>31</b>	<b>31</b>  Confirmation 6:30 p.m.  Bulletin Deadline			

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## October ~ 2023 Newsletter

### HIGHLAND PRAIRIE ACOLYTES/READERS/GREETERS

#### SUNDAY, OCTOBER 1, 2023

ACOLYTE:

READERS: PAULA HOWE, STEVE HOWE

GREETERS: NANCY & GARY RUSTAD

#### SUNDAY, OCTOBER 8, 2023

ACOLYTE: TAHVEN PEPIN

READERS: TAHVEN PEPIN, MARY GUDMUNDSON

GREETERS: VAL HOWE

#### SUNDAY, OCTOBER 15, 2023

ACOLYTE: HUNTER LEE

READERS: HUNTER LEE, ARLENE JOHNSON

GREETERS: AMY JACOBSON

#### SUNDAY, OCTOBER 22, 2023

ACOLYTE: BRODE GELLERSON

READERS: BRODE GELLERSON, SYLVIA PASSOW

GREETERS: MARY & VAL GUDMUNDSON

#### SUNDAY, OCTOBER 29, 2023

ACOLYTE: MATHEW GUDMUNDSON

READERS: MATHEW GUDMUNDSON, KRISTI GUDMUNSON

GREETERS: KYLE & LISA CHIGLO

### ELSTAD ACOLYTES/READERS/USHERS

#### SUNDAY, OCTOBER 1, 2023

ACOLYTE:

READER: CAROL OVERLAND

GREETERS: CAROL FOGAL

#### SUNDAY, OCTOBER 8, 2023

ACOLYTE:

READER: JOHN REIN

GREETERS: JOHN & MICHELLE REIN

#### SUNDAY, OCTOBER 15, 2023

ACOLYTE:

READER: MARCIA RANDALL

GREETERS: NELSON FAMILY

#### SUNDAY, OCTOBER 22, 2023

ACOLYTE:

READER: LORI BAKKE

GREETERS: TOM & CAROLYN SMITH

#### SUNDAY, OCTOBER 29, 2023

ACOLYTE:

READER:

GREETERS:

USHERS: JOHN & CAROL OVERLAND