

# SEPTEMBER

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## September 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

Mondays 12:00 - 5:00 p.m. & Wednesdays 8:00 a.m.- 4:00 p.m.

Lisa will be in the office on Wednesdays from 5:00 - 6:00 p.m.

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

Please feel free to call or email to set up a time to connect.

September 8th is our last  
Bowl Worship for the season.

After worship we will have a potluck meal  
(bring a dish to pass), Yard Games,

Outdoor Market &

Old Time Baseball game to celebrate.



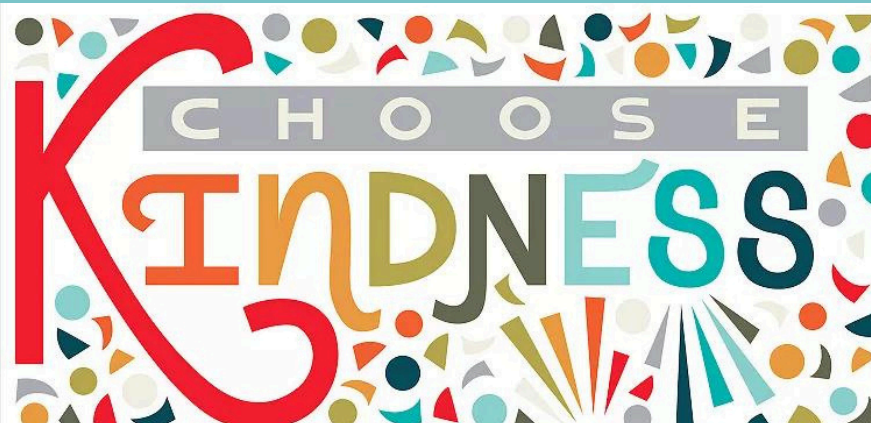


# **a note from the pastor**

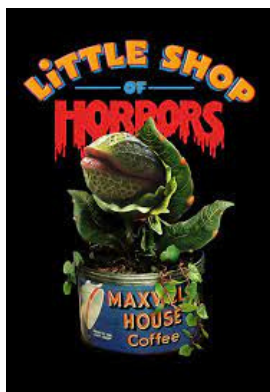
**AS THE VIBRANT COLORS OF AUTUMN START TO PAINT THE LANDSCAPE, WE FIND OURSELVES IN A SEASON OF CHANGE AND REFLECTION. JUST AS THE LEAVES GRACEFULLY LET GO AND MAKE WAY FOR NEW GROWTH, WE ALSO HAVE THE OPPORTUNITY TO EMBRACE CHANGE AND TAKE A MOMENT TO REFLECT ON THE BLESSINGS THAT SURROUND US. WE KNOW THAT CHANGE IS AN INEVITABLE PART OF LIFE. OUR FAITH TEACHES US TO FIND STRENGTH IN THESE TRANSITIONS AND TO TRUST THAT GOD ALWAYS HAS A PLAN FOR US. THE CHANGING SEASONS REMIND US THAT CHANGE IS OFTEN A DOORWAY INTO NEW OPPORTUNITIES, GROWTH. AS WE SEND OUR CHILDREN BACK TO SCHOOL, WHETHER IT BE TO THEIR LOCAL CLASSROOMS OR COLLEGE DORM ROOMS, I PRAY THAT WE ALL TAKE A MOMENT TO REFLECT ON THE EXPERIENCES THAT HAVE SHAPED THESE YOUNG PEOPLE. WE SHOULD BE SO GRATEFUL FOR ALL THE RELATIONSHIPS, WISDOM, AND SPIRITUAL INSIGHTS THAT THEY HAVE BEEN BLESSED WITH THUS FAR. WE WILL CONTINUE TO PRAY FOR THEM AS THEIR JOURNEY AS WELL AS OUR OWN JOURNEY, BOTH INDIVIDUALLY AND COLLECTIVELY, MAY WE ALL CONTINUE TO INSPIRE AND ENCOURAGE ONE ANOTHER AND HELP TO FOSTER A SENSE OF UNITY AS WE FIND OURSELVES EVOLVING, DISCOVERING CHALLENGES AND OPPORTUNITIES TO LIVE INTO OUR MISSION TOGETHER IN NEW AND VIBRANT WAYS. OUR WORLD OFTEN FEELS INCREASINGLY DIVIDED AND UNCERTAIN BUT THIS IS NOT A TIME TO FEAR CHANGE, WE MUST EMBRACE IT WITH HOPE AND FAITH. AS PAUL WRITES IN ROMANS 12:2, "DO NOT CONFORM TO THE PATTERN OF THIS WORLD, BUT BE TRANSFORMED BY THE RENEWING OF YOUR MIND." OUR TASK IS TO DISCERN HOW GOD IS LEADING US TO TRANSFORM OUR MINISTRIES SO THAT WE MAY CONTINUE TO SPREAD THE GOSPEL OF THE LORD EFFECTIVELY. AS WE ENTER THE FALL SEASON, I AM LOOKING FORWARD TO THE MEANINGFUL EVENTS AND OPPORTUNITIES TO ENGAGE WITH OUR COMMUNITY AND WITH ONE ANOTHER. EACH DAY OFFERS EACH OF US OPPORTUNITIES TO APPRECIATE THE BEAUTY OF CREATION, THE WARMTH OF OUR COMMUNITY, AND THE NEVER ENDING PRESENCE OF A LOVING GOD. I AM GRATEFUL FOR ALL THE OPPORTUNITY TO INVITE THE COMMUNITY TO OUR CHURCH HOME. OUR TIME TOGETHER IS A TIME OF CELEBRATION AND FELLOWSHIP, A TIME TO REFLECT ON OUR JOURNEY, CULTIVATE GRATITUDE, AND STRENGTHEN THE BONDS OF OUR COMMUNITY. AS THE LEAVES FALL AND THE AIR GROWS CRISP, I PRAY WE ARE INSPIRED TO EMBRACE THE CHANGES IN OUR LIVES WITH GRACE AND COURAGE. THROUGH IT ALL, MAY WE BE GUIDED BY OUR FAITH, KNOWING THAT GOD'S LOVE SURROUNDS US EVERY STEP OF THE WAY.**

**IN GRATITUDE AND FELLOWSHIP, PASTOR JACKIE**

Thank you to Lisa  
& Kyle for fixing  
the benches in the  
bowl!



Several members of the  
Sethre family reached out  
to express their gratitude for  
the hospitality and welcome  
extended to them from the  
members of the Elstad  
Church Community.



Thank you to everyone who made the trip to  
the Guthrie a huge success! A special shout out  
to Vicky for the top notch transportation!  
Brenda for all the amazing snacks & Becky for  
her barefoot serving skills!!

Thank you to everyone who sent  
prayers and well-wishes while I am  
recovering from a back injury.  
Your love and friendship means the world  
to me.~ Marlys Paulson



# Together In Faith

## PARISH NEWS

### TAKE NOTE



#### **Worship Time Change**

Starting on **September 1**  
thru December 29th  
Elstads Worship time  
will switch to 9:00 a.m.

&

Highland Prairie's Worship time  
will switch to 10:30

### September Council Meetings

**Sunday, Sept. 8, 2024**

Host Church: Highland Prairie

5:30 pm: Elstad council

6:30 pm: Parish council

7:30:pm: Highland Prairie



## ALL PARISH POTLUCK



On September 8th right after  
our final Bowl worship service  
we will gather together to share  
some fellowship & a meal  
together.

Hot Dogs and Drinks will be  
provided

Bring a Dish to pass and enjoy  
some fellowship together.

# SUNDAY SCHOOL

## ELSTAD

We are eagerly looking forward to the start of the Sunday school year! We have missed you. Our wonderful Education Committee is working hard to plan a fun filled year of learning and growing together in our faith. Please keep a look out for more information to come via email and Facebook.

## HIGHLAND PRAIRIE

We are so excited to share that HP- Sunday School will resume meeting on Sunday October 6th @ 9:30!!! Watch for updates here and on facebook! If you have ideas to share or would like to help let Pr. Jackie know!

## CONFIRMATION

**Confirmation Classes  
are gearing up for the year!!  
We will be having an informational meeting  
on Sunday, September 15th  
@Elstad at 11:30.  
Grab your student 7-9th grade student and  
join us to learn more!**

**Highland Prairie:** We Hope your summer is going well & you are enjoying some fun family time! We pray that as fall approaches you will be able to spend some time with your Highland Church Family.

**WE MISS YOU MORE THAN YOU KNOW!**

**HERE IS WHAT IS HAPPENING WITH THE CHURCH WOMEN:**

**SEPTEMBER 8TH:** WILL BE THE NEXT OUTDOOR WORSHIP AT 10:30 FOLLOWED BY LUNCH, AN OPEN MARKET, AND OLD-TIME BASEBALL. **CURRENT PARISH STEWARDSHIP FOCUS IS COLLECTING SCHOOL ITEMS FOR LOCAL SCHOOLS.**

**LUTHERAN WORLD RELIEF HEALTH KIT, SCHOOL KIT, AND INFANT KIT ITEMS ARE BEING COLLECTED AND WILL BE ASSEMBLED AT THE SEPTEMBER AND OCTOBER MEETINGS.**

**WATCH FOR THE LISTS OF ITEMS NEEDED SOON.**

PRELIMINARY PLANNING IS BEING DONE FOR A HP **WELCA SPONSORED COMMUNITY HARVEST EVENT & MEAL** IN OCTOBER FOR A FUNDRAISER TOWARDS PARKING LOT UPKEEP.

**QUILT (& CRAFT) FROLIC** IS SCHEDULED FOR OCTOBER 11TH & 12TH.

**GRAB YOUR PROJECTS & A FRIEND AND JOIN THE FUN!**

PLEASE KNOW THAT YOU ARE WELCOME TO JOIN US WHERE AND WHEN YOU ARE AVAILABLE TO PARTICIPATE!

**AS EACH HAS RECEIVED A GIFT, USE IT TO SERVE ONE ANOTHER AS GOOD STEWARDS OF GOD'S VARIED GRACE.**

**1 PETER 4:10**

**ELSTAD WELCA TALKING**

There has been talking for a very long time now, "where, o where has our little WELCA gone to"? Several years ago, the old "ladies aid" term passed away into oblivion - or the place where things go to be forgotten. However, a new term was there to pump new life into the strong-arm work of the women - WELCA - Women of the Evangelical Lutheran church of America. Elstad WELCA, thanks to the visions of the faithful, is still functioning but is in dire need of an "interest implant"! Elstad WELCA is much, more than merely serving in the kitchen work.

## **ELSTAD TALKING INTO ACTION**

Committee talks express a desire to inflate the organization with new holy air into the hot WELCA air balloon at Elstad.

Some new energy has already occurred - remember the all-church birthday party with a Teddy Bear Picnic theme - the expanded and interesting recognition Sunday with the great band concert, the great co-operating in the kitchen works of happy serving, promoting the youth activities with finances when asked, card and messaging of encouragement to those in difficult situations letting them know they are not forgotten, serving occasional coffee hours, 3 active circles meeting for monthly study and conversation together to list a few.

## **ELSTAD TALKING OF PLANS YET TO COME**

The year of 2024 has talk of many happenings to draw our talk into action. September brings with it an overload of school and community events which are a "must" on the personal and family calendars. Yet our Elstad is also asking for a time commitment as well. Our Sunday super October Thank offering program is being planned - time for Lutheran 'World Relief kits and ingathering of global items requested is an annual event. Look for a possible special event of missionary message and action. Talk of having a table at the Lanesboro community craft event on November 30th. Now is the time to prepare your crafts for this festive event. This could be a fun fund raiser for our WELCA treasury. More plans are being talked about for future events yet to be. Your input is always more than welcome.

## **ELSTAD TALKING OF FUNDS AND OTHER DETAILS**

The work of Elstad WELCA does not have a money tree in the church garden maintained by many WELCA hands. (Thank you, ladies, of the WELCA and other friends). All the work for the glory of God and the kingdom. The funds in the treasury are beginning to need a more than holy air being pumped into the organization. The work of Elstad WELCA is also in need of new leadership. A total WELCA meeting will be held in November to discuss all things possible and share in the excitement of being together again. Bring your hopes, questions, and desires to our 'town hall' meeting.

## **ELSTAD TALKING ABOUT 2024 AND 2045**

Hopeful things yet to celebrate. Perhaps a special musical concert, our annual Christmas Tea, not to forget that Sunday School will be starting again, Sunday morning coffee hour, plans for the March Birthday Party fun - hint - Elstad is going to the dogs! new ideas for recognition Sunday and new prayer partner - to list only a few. Come one - come all. Talk can be just talk and talk leading to action is a good thing. A very good thing. Everyone is always very thankful for your interest in our church events.

**Thank you. Thank you. Thank you.**  
**The Elstad WELCA officers.**

# HIGHLAND PRAIRIE JULY COUNCIL MEETING REPORT

Highland Prairie Lutheran Church Council Meeting August 11, 2024

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

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

Devotions were given by Karen Bakken, A quorum was determined, and a motion to approve the agenda was made by David Markegard, Amy Jacobson 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 \$55,873.00, expenses of \$59,815.00; Expenses exceed income by \$3,942.00. A motion to approve as presented made by AmyJacobson, Mary Gudmundson seconded. Motion carried. Kristi Gudmundson made a motion to approve the June Treasurer's Report, Amy Jacobson seconded. Motion carried.

President's Report – None

Pastor's Report given by Pastor Jackie Short included vacation August 12-18, VBS canceled due to timing issues-will offer again later this fall, Online giving status, Bowl Services feedback, and Website update.

Correspondence: Crossroads Campus Ministry and ELCA World Hunger donation requests

Committee Reports: Church –Grounds Committee – Worship Committee – Meeting will be scheduled, Youth & Education Committee – Meeting will be scheduled

Old Business: None

New Business: Water line leak by bowl pavilion will be investigated.

WELCA has been discussing parking lot fund raiser dinners in fall and at Christmas time. September noon council meeting conflicts with Bowl service. A motion to change it to 7:30 p.m. following the joint parish meeting on September 8th was made by Amy Jacobson, David Markegard seconded. Motion carried.

The Secretary's report was read and a motion to approve was made by Kristi Gudmundson, Amy Jacobson seconded.Motion carried.

A motion to adjourn with the Lord's Prayer at 7:05 p.m. was made by David Markegard, Amy Jacobson seconded.Motion carried.

Respectfully submitted,

Mary Gudmundson Next Meeting is September 8th 7:30 pm at Highland Prairie, Joint Parish Meeting at 6:30 p.m.



# Stewardship

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

**TOGETHER WE CAN** MAKE A HUGE DIFFERENCE.  
IN AN EFFORT TO HELP OUR PARISH PUT OUR  
WORDS INTO ACTION, EACH MONTH WE WILL BE  
COLLECTING ITEMS FOR OUR LOCAL  
ORGANIZATIONS . EACH MONTH WE WILL FOCUS ON  
A DIFFERENT AREA OF NEED.

**SEPTEMBERS FOCUS** WILL BE ...

## **AFTER SCHOOL SNACKS**

PLACE YOUR ITEMS IN THE BASKET AT CHURCH  
MARKED MINISTRY OF THE MONTH. WE WILL BE  
DONATING THE ITEMS  
COLLECTED AT THE END OF THE MONTH TO LOCAL  
COMMUNITY ORGANIZATIONS IF YOU ARE ABLE TO  
HELP WITH DELIVERING THE ITEMS PLEASE LET PR.  
JACKIE KNOW.

Senior Dining  
Sunshine Fund  
is holding a  
Bingo Fundraiser on  
September 25th @  
the  
Rushford American Legion.  
The proceeds from this  
fundraiser are used to  
help pay for entertainment,  
treats, prizes and other thing  
to bring a little joy and  
happiness to the Seniors in  
our community

*"Therefore, my dear brothers and sisters, stand firm.  
Let nothing move you. Always give yourselves fully to the work of the  
Lord, because you know that your labor in the Lord is not in vain.  
"1 Corinthians 15:58*

## **HIGHLAND PRAIRIE**

**FINANCIALS FOR JULY 2024**

**YTD INCOME \$ 55,873**

**YTD EXPENSES \$ 59,815**

**EXPENSES EXCEED INCOME \$ 3,3942**

**YTD BUDGET \$ 65,044**

**YTD INCOME \$ 55,873**

**YTD UNDER \$ 9,171**

## **ELSTAD**

**FINANCIALS FOR JULY 2024**

**ELSTAD BUDGET FOR JULY \$ 8407.00**

**RECEIVED JULY \$ 3220.00**

**UNDER JULY \$ 5187.00**

**ELSTAD BUDGET YTD \$ 58849.00**

**RECEIVED YTD \$ 40177.00**

**UNDER YTD \$ 18672.00**



We love to celebrate with you, if we have missed somebody's Birthday or Anniversary please email the church office so we can add them to the list!

1~ Kendra Hafeman  
2~ Norma Halverson  
5~ Aubrey Wiley, Teigen Johnson  
6~ Brenda Markegard, Gabriel Becker  
~ Kenzie Woxland  
7~ Gordon Johnson, Todd James  
Sara Johnson, Kayla Culhane,  
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,  
Letti Vix  
14~ Kristin Overland,  
Ryan Feine, Parker Root  
15~ Tyler Drinkall

16~ Lori Hundorf  
17~ Lucas Gravos, Elizabeth Hageman,  
18~ Marion Dahl, Hale Stensgard,  
Ella Dammen  
20~ Aubrey Daniels  
21~ Marcia Randall, Gabriel Dybing,  
Borgan Lee  
23~ Doreen Semmen, Bonnie Hallum,  
Carol Dybing  
24~ John Overland, Ryan Jacobson  
26~ Derek Dahl, Jordan Markegard  
27~ Lyle Meldahl, Dick Lawstuen  
28~ Gene Wangen, Jamie Wiley,  
Emma Eide  
29~ Terry Blagsvedt, Jason Yonts,  
Mabel Thomas  
30~ Kendall Bakkum, Joel Hageman,  
Corey Woxland, Katherine Halverson,  
Andrew Hoiness, Jeff Short



4~ Dave & Debbie Lawstuen  
5~ Darrel & Ellen Highum  
8~ Gordon & Glee Claussen  
10~ Nick & Sarah Wangen  
14~ Bob & Paula Brand  
14~ Tom & Carol Dybing  
18 ~ Colin & Emily  
16~ Dick & Diane Haight  
23~ Elvin & Marlys Paulson  
and Christopher & Ann Hoiland  
27~ Gene & Vicky Topness  
30~ Val & MaryGudmundson

# SEPTEMBER

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
<b>1</b> EL—9:00 a.m. HP —10:30 a.m.	<b>2</b> Bible study @ Bethlehem— 9:30 a.m.	<b>3</b>	<b>4</b> Elstad —Drive —Thru Dinner 5:00—7:00 p.m.  Bulletin Deadline	<b>5</b>	<b>6</b>	<b>7</b>
<b>8</b> Outdoor Parish Worship 10:30 a.m.  Council Meetings EL—5:30 p.m. Parish—6:30 p.m. HP—7:30 p.m.	<b>9</b> Bible study @ Bethlehem— 9:30 a.m.	<b>10</b> Leah Circle— 2:00 p.m.	<b>11</b> HP WELCA Bible Study—1:30 p.m.  Elizabeth Circle— 8:30 a.m.  Bulletin Deadline	<b>12</b> Esther Circle— 9:30 a.m.	<b>13</b>	<b>14</b>
<b>15</b> EL—9:00 a.m. HP—10:30 a.m.  Confirmation info. Meeting @ 11:30 a.m.—EL	<b>16</b> Bible study @ Bethlehem— 9:30 a.m.	<b>17</b>	<b>18</b> HP WELCA Quilting/ Do Day 9:00 a.m.  Bulletin Deadline	<b>19</b>   Newsletter Deadline	<b>20</b>	<b>21</b>
<b>22</b> EL—9:00 a.m. HP—10:30 a.m.	<b>23</b> Bible study @ Bethlehem— 9:30 a.m.	<b>24</b>	<b>25</b> Sunshine FUND BINGO  Bulletin Deadline	<b>26</b>	<b>27</b>	<b>28</b>
<b>29</b> EL—9:00 a.m. HP—10:30 a.m.	<b>30</b> Bible study @ Bethlehem— 9:30 a.m.			<b>Office Hours</b> <b>Pr. Jackie: Mondays 12 -5 p.m.</b> <b>Wednesdays 8-4 p.m.</b> <b>Lisa: Wednesdays 5-6 p.m.</b>		

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**HIGHLAND PRAIRIE  
ACOLYTES/READERS/GREETERS**  
SUNDAY, SEPTEMBER 1, 2024  
ACOLYTE:  
READER:  
GREETERS:  
SUNDAY, SEPTEMBER 8, 2024  
PARISH WORSHIP  
READER: BRODY GELLERSEN  
SUNDAY, SEPTEMBER 15, 2024  
ACOLYTE:  
READERS: JEFF & ZOWIE SHORT  
GREETERS:  
SUNDAY, SEPTEMBER 22, 2024  
ACOLYTE:  
READER: MARY GUDMUNDSON  
GREETERS:  
SUNDAY, SEPTEMBER 29, 2024  
ACOLYTE:  
READERS:  
GREETERS:

**ELSTAD  
ACOLYTES/READERS/USHERS**  
SUNDAY, SEPTEMBER 1, 2024  
ACOLYTE: ZOWIE SHORT  
READER: JEFF & ZOWIE SHORT  
GREETERS:  
SUNDAY, SEPTEMBER 8, 2024  
PARISH WORSHIP @ HP ~ RALLY SUNDAY  
SUNDAY, SEPTEMBER 15, 2024  
ACOLYTE:  
READER: LORI BAKKE  
GREETERS:  
SUNDAY, SEPTEMBER 22, 2024  
ACOLYTE:  
READER: GLEE CLAUSSEN  
GREETERS:  
SUNDAY, SEPTEMBER 29, 2024  
ACOLYTE:  
READER: VICKY TOPNESS  
GREETERS:  
USHERS: GENE & VICKY TOPNESS