

*Elstad ~ Highland Prairie Lutheran Parish  
A Congregation of the Evangelical Lutheran Church in America  
~ July 2022 ~*

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## **July Worship Schedule**

### **Time after Pentecost, July 3rd**

**Highland Prairie—9:00 a.m.**

**Elstad—10:30 a.m.**

Isaiah 66:10-14

Psalm 66:1-8

Galatians 6:[1-6] 7-16

Luke 10:1-11, 16-20

### **Time after Pentecost, July 24th**

**Highland Prairie—9:00 a.m.**

**Elstad—10:30 a.m.**

Genesis 18:20-32

Psalm 138

Colossians 2:6-15 [16-19]

Luke 11:1-13

### **Time after Pentecost, July 10th**

**Highland Prairie—9:00 a.m.**

**Elstad—10:30 a.m.**

Deuteronomy 30:9-14

Psalm 25:1-10

Colossians 1:1-14

Luke 10:25-37

### **Time after Pentecost, July 31st**

**Outdoor Worship at  
Highland Prairie—10:30 a.m.**

Ecclesiastes 1:2-14; 2:18-23

Psalm 49:1-12

Colossians 3:1-11

Luke 12:13-21

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### **Time after Pentecost, July 17th**

**Highland Prairie—9:00 a.m.**

**Elstad—10:30 a.m.**

Genesis 18:1-10a

Psalm 15

Colossians 1:15-28

Luke 10:38-42

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Elstad-Highland Prairie Joint Council Meeting

Sunday, June 12, 2022

Highland Prairie Church

The meeting was called to order by Elstad's president Gene Topness at 5:37 p.m.

Roll Call: A Quorum was called. Jennifer Nepstad and Mary Gudmundson not present

Sharon Ehler made a motion to offer Pastor Alma Buco a 1 year bridge contract with compensation from the Southeast MN Synod guidelines, second by Kathy Abrahamson. Motion passed.

Elstad President Gene Topness will call Pastor Alma Buco to offer her the position. If Alma accepts, they will arrange a meeting with both council presidents, financial workers, and Rev. Barb Streed to sign contracts.

Highland Prairie President Gordon Johnson will print the contracts.

The meeting was adjourned at 5:41 p.m.

Secretary's report submitted by Aimee Rodger

Highland Prairie Lutheran Church Council Meeting

June 12, 2022

The meeting was called to order at 6:00 p.m. by President Gordon Johnson.

Council member present were: Robert Anfinson, Karen Bakken, Joyce Dahl, Gordon Johnson, Sharon Ehler, Steve Howe, Val Howe, Lyle Meldahl and David Markegard. Mary Gudmundson was absent.

Devotions were given by Pastor Barb Streed at the interview prior to the council meeting.

A quorum was determined and the item of improvements to the rest house was added to the agenda. A motion to approve the agenda with additions was made by Steve Howe and seconded by David Markegard. Motion carried.

The Treasurer's Report was given by Karen Bakken. Year to date information provided is income \$37,660.00. Expenses \$43,771.00: expenses exceed income by \$6,111.00. This is due to the purchase of propane. A motion to approve as presented was made by Joyce Dahl and seconded by Val Howe. Motion carried.

There was no president's report or pastor's report.

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Highland Prairie council minutes continued:

Old Business: Gordon filled us in on improvements that have been made to the rest house, especially the bathroom. Gordon and Robert made the decision to replace the toilet, add a new ceiling light fixture, replace the linoleum and paint the walls and ceiling. So far approximately \$500.00 has been spent on improvements. Most of the furniture has been removed from the house in an attempt to eliminate the mold and mildew issues. There will, most likely, be painting of the walls and ceiling, new linoleum and light fixtures and cleaning the fireplace and then capping the chimney. Sharon mentioned that perhaps the WELCA would support this project.

New Business: Duane Koenen has asked for a \$25 surcharge per mowing because of the high cost of fuel. A motion to approve the surcharge was made by Sharon Ehler and seconded by Lyle Meldahl. Motion carried.

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

A motion to adjourn at 8:15 with the Lord's Prayer was made by Joyce Dahl and seconded by Steve Howe. Motion carried.

Submitted by Sharon Ehler in Mary Gudmundson's absence.

Next meeting is July 10<sup>th</sup>.

Highland Prairie Financial for May 2022

YTD Income	\$ 37,660
YTD Expenses	\$ 43,771
Expenses exceed Income	\$ 6,111
YTD Budget	\$ 41,000
YTD Income	\$ 37,660
YTD Under	\$ 3,340

Elstad Budget for May 2022

May budget	\$ 6545.17
Received May	\$ 6954.00
Over May	\$ 408.83
Elstad YTD budget	\$ 32725.85
Received YTD	\$ 32958.00
Over YTD	\$ 232.15

## A New Model for Congregations in Transition

### 'Interim/Bridge to Settled'

The traditional path for a congregation whose pastor leaves is to move into what we call the transition time. You may hear this also called the interim time because typically this is a time that an intentional interim pastor comes to serve the congregation until the Holy Spirit brings the next settled called pastor to the congregation.

The reality of the church at this time is that the number of open calls, or congregations needing an intentional interim pastor, surpasses the number of interim pastors available. And so, we in the synod office, have been researching and learning about new ways of serving congregations during this transition time.

A new model that we have been talking about which is called 'Interim/Bridge to Settled Model' in which a pastor who is open to a settled long-term call in a congregation serves as short term interim/bridge pastor in a congregation and who is then considered for call of the settled long-term pastor in that congregation.

This model has three parts:

Part One – the pastor comes to serve the congregation for a specified amount of time as the pastor and the congregation get to know one another. This could be a short or as long as seems right for the congregation and pastor.

Part Two – after the pastor has been with the congregation for the specified time noted in Part One, the congregation engages in the call process which includes forming a call committee, doing a self-study, and completing a ministry site profile. The pastor is available to serve as a resource and support to the call committee during this time while continuing to serve in the pastoral role.

Part Three – The pastor who has been serving the congregation and the call committee engage in an interview to discern if all feel God is calling the pastor and the congregation to the long-term relationship and the settled call.

If yes, the pastor is brought before the congregation for a congregational vote.

If no, the call committee moves forward interviewing other candidates.

*Prayer Corner*

*Scripture tells us to pray without ceasing. Let's be known as a praying congregation. Please keep Wendy Will, Michael Lockerby, Christopher Freese, Kyle Lawstuen and all others who are ill or in need of our prayers.*

Greetings all!

My name is Pastor Alma Buco. I am excited for the opportunity to serve as your interim pastor!

I get to start my time with you on July 1 but before then, I wanted to take a moment to introduce myself.

I am a Midwest native-born and raised in Northeast Iowa. I got my Social Work degree from Luther College in Decorah before eventually heading to Chicago for my seminary degree. After seminary, I moved to southeast Nebraska where I got to serve as a chaplain both in a hospital and for a hospice company before serving as an associate pastor. I spent the past year as a hospice chaplain with Gundersen.

My husband David and I live in Winona. David is also a pastor and serves a church in Lewiston. We have a two-year old son named John Henry.

When I am not chasing said two-year old, and he keeps me on my toes, I can generally be found knitting or reading or playing board games with David.

# JULY BIRTHDAYS AND ANNIVERSARIES!

All Birthdays & Anniversaries are listed according to the information on file. If you see an error please contact Lisa Chiglo ~ Email: [highlandprairie\\_elstad@ymail.com](mailto:highlandprairie_elstad@ymail.com)

*Happy  
Birthday*

1~Joey Stensgard  
2~ Katy Laneville  
~ Slade Pepin  
3~ Mary Dunphy  
5~ Peter Ask  
~ Joshua Drinkall  
6~ Rich Nepstad  
~ Richard Johnson  
~ Paul Peterson  
7~ Beckett Hovland  
~ Lincoln Bakkum-  
Mohwinkel  
8~ Caroline Anfinson  
~ Christine Knuston  
9~ Dean Berland  
~ Kyle Chiglo  
10~ Arlene Johnson  
~ Adleigh Brisebois  
11~ Allison Bauer  
~ Marguerite  
Abrahamson  
12~ Kathy Abrahamson  
~ Kristi Oman  
~ Jeremy Pederson  
13~ Kyle Bearbower  
16~ Charles Pederson  
~ Lyle Rustad  
~ David Stockton

17~ Jade Grabau  
~ Nicole Howe  
~ Kreedon Wangen  
18~ Elizabeth Abrahamson  
~ Kristin Lawstuen  
19~ Shelly Nelson  
~ John Knutson  
~ Autumn Humble  
20~ Marilyn Soland  
~ Joan Finnegan  
~ Mary Gudmundson  
~ Brent Storhoff  
21~ Colby Lind  
22~ Ken Jacobson  
~ Jerod Chiglo  
~ Nolan Eide  
23~ Karen Bakken  
24~ Jimmy Sharpe Jr.  
25~ Siri Dworschak  
28~ Taylor Johnson  
29~ Lori Bakke  
~ Josie Bearbower  
30~ Lee Johnson  
~ Kayleigh Wangen  
~ Palmer Root  
31~ Susan Blagsvedt

  
HAPPY  
ANNIVERSARY

9~ Clair & Patty Olson  
20~ Kenny & Cathy  
Bakkum  
21~ Richard & Pamela  
Johnson  
22~ Trinity & Emily  
Johnson  
24~ Adam & Jodie Daniels  
28~ Charles & Karen Mierau  
29~ Lee & Meredith Johnson

# JULY

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

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
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3 9:00 a.m.—H.P. 10:30 a.m.—Elstad	4	5	6 1:30 p.m. HP WELCA Bible study	7	8	9
10 9:00 a.m.—H.P. 10:30 a.m.—Elstad Council Meetings— Host Church EL 5:30 p.m.—HP 6:30 p.m.—Parish 7:30 p.m.—EL	11	12	13 9:30 a.m. HP quilting with a potluck lunch	14	15	16
17 9:00 a.m.—H.P. 10:30 a.m.—Elstad	18	19	20	21	22	23
24 9:00 a.m.—H.P. 10:30 a.m.—Elstad	25	26	27	28	29	30
31 10:30 a.m. Outdoor Worship at HP— Baptism (HP)						

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**ACOLYTES/READERS/GREETERS**

**SUNDAY, JULY 3, 2022**

**ACOLYTES:** CHASE HUMBLE, CHEYANNE DAHLE  
**READERS:** KENNA GUDMUNDSON, SHARON EHLER  
**GREETERS:** GORDON & ARLENE JOHNSON

**SUNDAY, JULY 10, 2022**

**ACOLYTES:** CHEYANNE DAHLE, CARSON JOHNSON  
**READERS:** LINDSAY HOINESS, SCOTT BESTUL  
**GREETERS:** SHARON & PAUL EHLER

**SUNDAY, JULY 17, 2022**

**ACOLYTES:** CARSON JOHNSON, CREIGHTON HOINESS  
**READERS:** LACI SIEVERS, LYNNETTE PEDERSON  
**GREETERS:** LYLE & ANN MELDAHL

**SUNDAY, JULY 24, 2022**

**ACOLYTES:** CREIGHTON HOINESS, BRODE VICKERMAN  
**READERS:** CADEN JOHNSON, SYLVIA PASSOW  
**GREETERS:** ALLAN SKALET & KAY EIKEN

**SUNDAY, JULY 31, 2022— OUTDOOR WORSHIP**

**READERS:** LARISSA RYAN, ARLENE JOHNSON  
**GREETERS:** GORDON & ARLENE JOHNSON

**ELSTAD**  
**ACOLYTES/READERS/USHERS**

**SUNDAY, JULY 3, 2022**

**ACOLYTE:** JENSYN STORHOFF  
**READERS:** WILSON STORHOFF, VICKY TOPNESS

**SUNDAY, JULY 10, 2022**

**ACOLYTE:** MILEY KNUTSON  
**READERS:** MAKENZIE KNUTSON, CAROL OVERLNAD

**WEDNESDAY, JULY 17, 2022**

**ACOLYTE:** AUBREY DANIELS  
**READERS:** KYLE DANIELS, CAROLYN SMITH

**SUNDAY, JULY 24, 2022**

**ACOLYTE:** SAWYER WOLFS  
**READERS:** INDY QUALY, TOM DYBING

**SUNDAY, JULY 231, 2022**

**OUTDOOR WORSHIP @ HP— 10:30 A.M.**

**USHERS:** GENE TOPNESS, VICKY TOPNESS,  
DUANE BAKKE, CHASE BAKKE,  
CHRISTOPHER NELSON