

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

~ November 2023 ~

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**November Worship
Schedule**

Sunday, November 5, 2023

All Saints Sunday

Daylight Savings Time

Highland Prairie—9:00 a.m.

Elstad—10:30 a.m.

Revelation 7:9-17

Psalm 34:1-10, 22

1 John 3:1-3

Matthew 5:1-12

Sunday, November 12, 2023

Time after Pentecost

Highland Prairie—9:00 a.m.

Elstad—10:30 a.m.

Amos 5:18-24

Psalm 70

1 Thessalonians 4:13-18

Matthew 25:1-13

Sunday, November 19, 2023

Time after Pentecost

Highland Prairie—9:00 a.m.

Elstad—10:30 a.m.

Zephaniah 1:7, 12-18

Psalm 90:1-8 [9-11] 12

1 Thessalonians 5:1-11

Matthew 25:14-30

Wednesday, November 22,

2023

Thanksgiving Eve Worship

Elstad—7:00 p.m.

Deuteronomy 8:7-18

Psalm 65

2 Corinthians 9:6-15

Luke 17:11-19

Sunday, November 26, 2023

Last Sunday after Pentecost

Ezekiel 34:11-16, 20, 24

Psalm 95:1-7a

Ephesians 1:15-23

Matthew 25:31-46

Greetings, dear siblings in Christ!

In the past year, you have experienced significant transition at Highland Prairie and Elstad. Pastor Luther retired in May of last year. Pastor Alma stepped in and faithfully guided you during this interim period. Now she packs and moves to Texas. The hope is that the call process will move forward smoothly, and you that will call a new pastor in the near future.

In the meantime, I'm excited to join you on the next step of this transitional journey. Beginning on November 1st, I begin as your part-time, interim bridge pastor. I will join you in worship on Sunday and come to your neighborhood one additional day per week. At least initially, that day will vary. 'Part-time' means that I won't have the capacity to do all things a pastor would normally do. I will provide the pastoral care and leadership needed in this bridge time.

Some of you may recognize my name. From 2013-2019 I served as an assistant to the bishop of the Southeastern Minnesota Synod under Bishop Delzer. Prior to that, I led Peace Lutheran in Eyota. As a new ministry, we worshipped in the school gym for nine of the 10 years I was there. In my first call I loved the rural ministry at St. Paul Lutheran in Benson, Illinois (population 400).

I currently serve as one of the partners at GSB Fundraising. In this role, I get to consult with congregations, synods, and other non-profit organizations across the country as they identify a clear sense of their mission and invite generosity to make it happen. This full-time work is why I have limited hours to serve with you.

I live in Rochester with my wife Danielle (a social worker at Mayo Clinic) and two VERY enthusiastic Springer Spaniels. My son Ben just started a career in Davenport, IA with the Army Corps of Engineers as an Environmental Engineers.

There's so much more that I could share! I look forward to getting to know you and walking with you for this season of ministry.

In Christ,

Pastor Pete Reuss (pronounced Royce...like Rolls Royce)

Prayer Corner

Scriptures tell us to pray without ceasing. Let's be known as a praying congregation. Please keep Ferne Brewster, Sharon Ehler, Emily Charlebois, Julian Highum, Robert Knutson, Maynard Rustad, the family of Pr. Livdahl, the family of Pat Dahl and all others who are ill or in need of our prayers.

Highland Prairie WELCA will hold a bake sale on Friday, November 17th at the lobby of Sterling Drug in Rushford from 10:00 a.m. – 1:00 p.m. Baking may be brought at 9:00 a.m. More information will come by email.

November Parish Council Meetings will be held at Elstad on Sunday, November 12, 2023

- 5:30 p.m. ~ Highland Prairie Council
- 6:30 p.m. ~ Parish Council
- 7:30 p.m. ~ Elstad Council

Greenfield Lutheran Church Youth BINGO fundraiser

Bingo will be Sunday, November 12th at 1 pm at the Harmony Golf Course. Proceeds go to Greenfield Lutheran Church Youth.

The Lanesboro Community Choir will be presenting a Christian Cantata called **He Lived the Good Life!** Performances will be Saturday Nov. 18 at 7:00 pm at Bethlehem Lutheran Church, Lanesboro, and Sunday Nov. 19 at 2:00 pm at Sons of Norway Hall, Lanesboro. Free will offering. Refreshments will follow. Questions, contact Julie Kiehne julie.kiehne@gmail.com 507-272-4581.

Highland Prairie Financials for September 2023

YTD Income	\$ 58,554
YTD Expenses	\$ 76,543
Expenses Exceed Income	\$ 17,989
YTD Budget	\$ 80,253
YTD Income	\$ 58,554
YTD Under	\$ 21,699

Elstad Financials for September 2023

Elstad budget for September	\$ 7454.83
Received September	\$ 5390.00
Under September	\$ 2064.83
Elstad Budget YTD	\$ 67093.47
Received YTD	\$ 45335.83
Under YTD	\$ 21757.64

NOVEMBER 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@yahoo.com



- 17~ Jerry Dahl
- ~ Dana DeGeorge
- 19~ Trina Overland
- ~ Adam Daniels
- ~ James McHan
- ~ Sarah Wangen
- ~ Katie Hackbarth
- ~ Daryn Eisner
- ~ Grant DeGeorge
- ~ Ryder Colbenson
- 20~ Melanie Przybylski
- ~ Kyle Lawstuen
- 21~ Eric Howe
- 22~ Gordon Claussen
- ~ Kenneth Sjarpe
- ~ Peyton Hoiness
- ~ Tucker Smith
- 23~ Adam Overland
- ~ Danielle Kingsley
- 24~ Taylor Ask
- 26~ Doris Westby
- ~ Rebecca Lawstuen
- ~ Katrina James
- 27~ Jennifer DeGeorge
- ~ Emarie Jacobson
- 28~ Kasey Nelson
- ~ Sandy Thomas
- ~ Elvin Paulson
- ~ Aric Stensgard
- ~ Kainen Klug
- 29~ Curtis Gudmundson
- ~ Bonnie Wangen
- 30~ Benjamin Ryan



- 1~ Jennifer Dahl
- ~ Tiffany Humble
- 2~ Kenny Bakkum
- ~ Amelia Dohlman
- ~ Miley Knutson
- ~ Kelsie Woxland
- 3~ Darlys Storhoff
- ~ Ethan Rislov
- 4~ Sylvia Markegard
- ~ Doug Lind
- ~ Rick Sjarpe
- ~ Shelly Stensgard
- 5~ Scott Bestul
- ~ William Maschka
- 6~ Kaye Eiken
- ~ Ann Dolalie
- ~ Andrew Larson
- ~ MacKenzie James
- 9~ Tim Dahl
- ~ Seth Humble
- 10~ Rebecca Lind
- 11~ Randy Drinkall
- 13~ Phil Dybing
- ~ Crystal Soppa
- ~ Ashlee Pontillo
- ~ Cody Ryan Hoiness
- ~ Mason Wolfs
- 15~ Finn Christian

- 6~ David & Cindy Howe
- 6~ Cory & Nicole Woxland
- 23~ John & Christine Knutson
- 27~ Gary & Nancy Rustad

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 Visit our websites at...
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highlandprairielutheranchurch.org

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
			1 HP WELCA Bible Study—1:30 p.m. Confirmation 6:30 p.m. Bulletin Deadline	2	3	4
5 HP—9:00 a.m. EL —10:30 a.m.	6	7	8 HP WELCA Do Day Confirmation 6:30 p.m.	9	10	11
12 HP—9:00 a.m. EL —10:30 a.m. Parish Council meetings @ EL 5:30—HP 6:30— Parish 7:30—EL	13	14	15 Confirmation 6:30 p.m. Bulletin Deadline	16	17 HP WELCA Bake Sale Newsletter Deadline	18
19 HP—9:00 a.m. EL —10:30 a.m.	20	21	22 Thanksgiving Eve worship @ Elstad 7:00 p.m. No Confirmation class Bulletin Deadline	23 Happy Thanksgiving	24	25
26 HP—9:00 a.m. EL —10:30 a.m.	27	28	29 Confirmation 6:30 p.m. Bulletin Deadline	30		

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HIGHLAND PRAIRIE
ACOLYTES/READERS/GREETERS

SUNDAY, NOVEMBER 5, 2023

ACOLYTE: HUNTER LEE
READERS: HUNTER LEE, STEVE HOWE
GREETERS:

SUNDAY, NOVEMBER 12, 2023

ACOLYTE: MATHEW GUDMUNDSON
READERS: MATHEW GUDMUNDSON
GREETERS: CHELLSEY OLSON & GIRLS

SUNDAY, NOVEMBER 19, 2023

ACOLYTE: BEN RYAN
READERS: BEN RYAN, KRISTI GUDMUNDSON
GREETERS: VAL HOWE

SUNDAY, NOVEMBER 22, 2023

THANKSGIVING EVE WORSHIP @ ELSTAD 7:00 P.M.

SUNDAY, NOVEMBER 26, 2023

ACOLYTE:
READER: MARY GUDMUNDSON
GREETER: AMY JACOBSON

ELSTAD
ACOLYTES/READERS/USHERS

SUNDAY, NOVEMBER 5, 2023

ACOLYTE:
READER: MARCIA RANDALL
GREETER: CAROL FOGAL

SUNDAY, NOVEMBER 12, 2023

ACOLYTE:
READER:
GREETERS:

SUNDAY, NOVEMBER 19, 2023

ACOLYTE:
READER: VICKY TOPNESS
GREETERS:

THANKSGIVING EVE WROSHIP, NOVEMBER 22, 2023

ACOLYTE:
READER:
GREETERS:

SUNDAY, OCTOBER 29, 2023

ACOLYTE:
READER:
GREETERS:

USHERS: GENE & VICKY TOPNESS