

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

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**August Worship Schedule**

**Time after Pentecost, August 7th**

**Highland Prairie—9:00 a.m.**

**Elstad—10:30 a.m.**

Genesis 15:1-6

Psalm 33:12-22

Hebrews 11:1-3, 8-16

Luke 12:32-40

**Time after Pentecost, August 14th**

**Highland Prairie—9:00 a.m.**

**Elstad—10:30 a.m.**

Jeremiah 23:23-29

Psalm 82

Hebrews 11:29-12:2

Luke 12:49-56

**Time after Pentecost, August 21st**

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

Isaiah 58:9b-14

Psalm 103:1-8

Hebrews 12:18-29

Luke 13:10-17

**Time after Pentecost, August 28th**

**Parish Worship at Elstad—10:30 a.m. Installation of Pr. Alma Buco**

Proverbs 25:6-7

Psalm 112

Hebrews 13:1-8, 15-16

Luke 14:1, 7-14

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Greetings all!

It is so good to be with you! It has been a joyous month of starting to get to know you all as your pastor. The warmth of welcome and the hospitality you have shown me has allowed me to quickly feel at home. Thank you to each one of you who have introduced yourselves multiple times and helped me to begin to figure out all of the connections!

I am looking forward to getting to know y'all more, to hear your stories and to walk with you on this journey of faith.

Included in the newsletter this month is a "Get to Know You" survey-an adult and kids version. I would love for y'all to each fill one out so I can get to know you and started to put names and stories together! There are extras available at the church-so if there is more than one adult or one kid in your house, please grab an extra so everybody can do their own! Also, if you have a recent picture of you and/or your family, I would love to have a copy as well so I can start putting names with faces!

In other exciting news, we get to celebrate the beginning of our journey together with a service of installation on August 28<sup>th</sup>. This will be a joint service at Elstad and Assistant to the Bishop Pr. Matt Larson will be joining us for the service. There will be fellowship after the service.

As we get to know each other, please let me know how I can pray for you and support you in this journey. You can email me at [pastor.highlandprairie.elstad@gmail.com](mailto:pastor.highlandprairie.elstad@gmail.com) or call or text me at 507.703.8464.

I look forward to getting to know y'all more each day and seeing what it is God is doing in our lives together as a community of faith!

Peace and blessings,  
PA (Pastor Alma)

## Getting to know you

Greetings and Salutations dear ones! I am excited to get the opportunity to serve as your pastor and walk this journey with you! As I look forward to getting to know each of you and hear your stories, I am hoping y'all can help me get a jump-start by filling out this survey. There will be copies out at worship as well as in the newsletter. There are also surveys for kids to fill out as well! Please place your finished surveys in my mailbox or return to the office so I can get to know you just a little bit better!

I look forward to getting to know you and your families and see where God is moving in our lives together!

Peace and blessings.

Pastor Alma

Name:

Best contact information:

Who is in your family (people, animals, plants)?

What do you do with your days?

What do you do for fun?

What random hidden talent do you have?

What is your favorite Holiday?

What are you top 3 favorite hymns?

1.

2.

3.

## Getting to know you

How did you get connected with Elstad-Highland Prairie?

What keeps you coming back?

What are your favorite Highland Prairie-Elstad traditions?

What is your biggest hope or dream for our church community?

What is one skill or talent that you bring to our church community? (are you musical? Can you bake? Sew? Are you good with computers?)

How can Pastor Alma best care for you as your pastor?

How can Pastor Alma be praying for you right now?

One question I have for Pastor Alma:

What else would you like Pastor Alma to know?

*Hi There!*

I am so excited to meet you! Will you help me get to know you better? I am the new pastor at Highland Prairie and Elstad, which means I am your new pastor too! I'm looking forward to learning more about you and learning more about God's love together too. Hope to hear from you soon.

<3 Pastor Alma

Name: \_\_\_\_\_

Age and grade in school (just finished): \_\_\_\_\_

Favorite animal: \_\_\_\_\_

Favorite color: \_\_\_\_\_

Favorite things to do: \_\_\_\_\_

Favorite thing about church: \_\_\_\_\_

Favorite memory from church: \_\_\_\_\_

Do you have a favorite bible story? \_\_\_\_\_

What do you want to pray to God for? (Pastor Alma would like to be praying for you too!)

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What do you want Pastor Alma to know about you?

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## **SCHOOL KITS for Lutheran World Relief**

***WELCA members please be thinking of your Lutheran World Relief kits in the coming weeks. Our Thank Offering service will be on October 6th this year. We have gotten a notice saying they are short of school kits this year and with all the flooding and storms they will ne in need of personal care kits.***

***August is the month for back-to-school sales and the best time to buy supplies for our LWR school kits!***

**The following items are included in each school kit that we assemble and send to LWR:**

- Four 70-sheet notebooks of wide or college-ruled paper (no loose leaf paper)
- Five ballpoint pens, black or blue ink only (no gel ink)
- Five unsharpened #2 pencils with erasers
- One pencil sharpener
- One eraser, approximately 2- 1/2” long
- One box of 16 or 24 crayons
- One 30-centimeter ruler (or with centimeters on one side and inches on the other)
- One blunt scissors (safety scissors with embedded steel blades work well)

Imagine having to choose between a meal or purchasing a notebook. Project Promise School Kits are sent to places where even the few required school supplies may be more than a family can afford.

**Pencils and paper can help write a positive future.**

***If you wish to contribute to this WELCA project by purchasing items for the school kits, please take advantage of the back-to-school sales this month.***

**There is a basket in the narthex for donations of LWR School Kit supplies.**

**THANK YOU!**

Lists of items for the other Lutheran World Relief kits (Personal Care, Baby Care, Fabric)  
are on the website: [lwr.org](http://lwr.org)

*Prayer Corner*

*Scripture tells us to pray without ceasing. Let's be known as a praying congregation. Please keep Christopher Freese, Bonnie Hallum, Carol Fogal, Ferne Brewster, Dennis McRaven, the family of Wendy Will and all others who are ill or in need of our prayers.*

**Stringwood Young Artist Concert**

Elstad Lutheran Church

Friday, August 19th, 7:00 pm

The Stringwood Chamber Music Festival is held every summer at Eagle Bluff. Forty high school and college students, from across the United States, gather for two weeks to study chamber music as an art form with world-class instructors. Ten groups will perform a free concert of classical music from favorite composers.

**The 3rd Annual Wade Davick Memorial Car & Tractor Show  
Sunday, August 21, 2022 ~ 10:30 a.m.**



The Wade Davick Memorial Car and Tractor Show will take place on the ball field. Bring your cars, trucks or tractors. Spread the news. No preregistration required. Invite a friend to join us.

All are Welcome!



Elstad-Highland Prairie Lutheran Church Council Meeting Minutes

Sunday, July 17th 2022

Elstad Lutheran Church

The meeting was called to order by Elstad's president, Gene Topness at 6:34 pm.

Roll call was taken. A quorum was called. Not present for the meeting this evening are Lyle Meldahl, Jennifer Nepstad, Dave Markegard, and Valerie Howe

Others present: Pastor Alma

Agenda was reviewed. Motion to approve agenda made by Amber Arends and second by Krissy Overland. Motion carried.

Pastor Alma lead the council in prayer

No congregation members present to address the council

Communication received none.

There is no additional President's report in addition to Elstad or Highland Prairie council meetings.

Pastor's report:

Pastor Alma has been in communication with Rev. Barb Streed and would like to set a date for the installation for the Bridge To Settle on August 28th, 2022.

Pastor Alma will be sending out a "Get to Know Me" sheet with the upcoming newsletters and asks for us to complete them and add pictures of yourselves if we wish.

Pastor Alma would also like a list of any shut ins from both parishes and she will be posting her block schedule on her door.

Joint Parish Youth:

Krissy Overland will be setting a date for a Wednesday evening to discuss upcoming plans for the Sunday School.

Old Business/Committee Reports:

- A. Pastor & Secretary Computers- 2 Computers and a compatible ipad need to be purchased. The iPad will be used for recording worship services and for Pastor Alma to use as she needs. A deadline will be set after Gordon talks to Chris.
- B. iPad purchase- Will be purchased
- C. Church Directory- still in progress and will be submitted soon. Any members still wishing to submit a photo, please do so to either church council secretaries.

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Elstad—Highland Prairie council minutes continued.

New Business:

- A. Parsonage Ground- assistance is needed with the flower garden at the parish. The garden needs dirt, sun loving plants, pollinating plants, perennials, and helping hands from both parishes. There are also some bushes in the front of the parsonage that need to be removed. Please see Sharon Ehler about anything you wish to contribute. Sharon will be in communication with Elstad's garden committee.
- B. August 28th Parish worship - (Music festival has been canceled) - The WELCA Co-presidents (Vicky & Kathy) will discuss the possibility of having the music festival at a later date. There will still be a joint service at Elstad for the installation of Pastor Alma this day with fellowship following.
- C. Supply Pastor - Pastor Alma asked for recommendations on pastors used in the past.
- D. Confirmation- Pastor Alma was in contact with Thea Arends on curriculum used in the past. Pastor Alma will have a meeting with the parents of the future confirmants. Pastor Alma also asked for a budget for confirmation curriculum and will be in touch with the treasures from both parishes.

Secretary's report was given. Motion to approve by Mary Gudmundson, and second by Kathy Abrahamson.

Motion to adjourn the meeting by Amber Arends, and second by Joyce Dahl. Meeting was closed with the Lord's Prayer.

Meeting was adjourned at 7:38pm.

Submitted by Aimee Rodger, Elstad Council Secretary

Next meeting is September 11, 2022 at 6:30pm at Highland Prairie Church.

Elstad Lutheran Church Council Meeting Minutes ~ Sunday 17th, 2022

Elstad Lutheran Church

The meeting was called to order by President Gene Topness at 7:42pm .

Roll call was taken. A quorum was called. Jennifer Nepstad was not present.

The agenda was reviewed. A motion to approve the revised agenda was made by Krissy Overland second by Amber Arends. Motion passed.

There are no congressional members present to address the council..

There is no additional Pastor's report

The treasurer's report was reviewed and placed on file for audit at a later date.

Motion to approve the treasures report made by Krissy Overland and second by Amber Arends. Motion Carried.

There is no additional President's report

Correspondence received: none

Old Business:

- A. Church Repairs - There is a foundation block loose on the West side of the church that needs to be taken out and re-mortared. Christopher Nelson will be in contact with someone to take a look at the job.
- B. Stump Grinding - Dan Schmidt from Preston will be down to grind stumps. The cost will be \$2.00 per inch. There is no date set yet.
- C. Amber Arends made a motion for the stump grinding to be completed and second by Krissy Overland. Motion carried.

New Business:

A.

Secretary's report was given. Motion was given by Amber Arends, second by Krissy Overland Motion passed.

Motion was made by Amber Arends to adjourn, second by Christopher Nelson. The meeting was adjourned at 8:06pm.

Closed in prayer by Pastor Alma

Secretary's report submitted by Aimee Rodger

Elstad Budget for June 2022

Budget June	\$ 6545.17
Received June	\$ 4267.00
Under June	\$ 2278.17
Elstad YTD budget	\$ 39271.02
Received YTD	\$ 37225.00
Under YTD	\$ 2046.02

## Highland Prairie Lutheran Church Council Meeting

July 17, 2022

The meeting was called to order at 5:35 p.m. by President Gordon Johnson.

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

A quorum was determined, and a motion to approve the agenda as presented was made by Steve Howe, Sharon Ehler seconded. Motion carried.

Devotions will be given at the joint meeting.

The Treasurer's Report was given by Karen Bakken. Year to date information provided are income \$41,412.00 expenses \$48,932.00; expenses exceed income by \$7,520.00. A motion to approve as presented was made by Sharon Ehler, Steve Howe seconded. Motion carried.

There was no President's report.

The Pastor's report will be given at the joint meeting

Correspondence: None

Committee Reports

Church - discussion on the painting of the exterior doors and wheelchair seating in sanctuary

Grounds - trees are planted, rock garden needs attention, Joyce moved to pay for the trees with Memorial Account funds, Steve Howe seconded. Motion carried.

Worship - Baptism of non-member family at the next outdoor service.

Old Business:

A. Rest House clean up is mostly complete, with painting and replacement flooring costs to be covered by WELCA.

New Business: None

The Secretary's report was read and a motion to approve was made by Sharon Ehler, Steve Howe seconded. Motion carried.

A motion to adjourn at 6:29 p.m. was made by Steve Howe, Joyce Dahl seconded. Motion carried.

Respectfully submitted, Mary Gudmundson

Next Meeting is August 14<sup>th</sup> at Highland Prairie.

### Highland Prairie Financial for June 2022

YTD Income	\$ 41,412
YTD Expenses	\$ 48,932
Expenses exceed Income	\$ 7,520
YTD Budget	\$ 49,200
YTD Income	\$ 41,412
YTD Under	\$ 7,788

# AUGUST 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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*Happy  
Birthday!*



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

16~ Kenny Peterson  
~ Cheryl Halverson  
~ Tanya Self  
~ Chellsey Olson  
~ Laci Sievers  
17~ Erik Topness  
18~ Pat Dahl  
~ Darrel Highum  
~ Daniel Lind  
~ Ella Dammen  
19~ Debbie Lawstuen  
~ Monica Lee  
~ Brianna Horning  
20~ Norine Ask  
~ Thea Arends  
24~ Sanna Pederson  
~ Aimee Nelson  
~ Adeline Johnson  
25~ Sander Michel  
26~ Gene Topness  
28~ Willow Kelly  
29~ Logan Rein  
31~ Steve Storhoff  
~ Nicole Blagsvedt

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

# AUGUST 2022

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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
	1	2	3 Bulletin Deadline	4	5	6
7 9:00 a.m.—H.P. 10:30 a.m.—Elstad	8	9	10 Bulletin Deadline	11	12	13
14 9:00 a.m.—H.P. 10:30 a.m.—Elstad  Highland Prairie Council 5:30 p.m.	15	16	17 Bulletin Deadline	18	19 Stringwood Young Artist Concert 7:00 p.m. at Elstad  Newsletter Deadline	20
21 Outdoor Parish Worship at Highland Prairie—10:30 a.m. Tractor/car show EL—Storhoff reunion	22	23	24 Bulletin Deadline	25	26	27
28 Parish Worship at Elstad—10:30 a.m. Service of installation for Pr. Alma	29	30	31 Bulletin Deadline			

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**HIGHLAND PRAIRIE**  
**ACOLYTES/READERS/GREETERS**

**SUNDAY, AUGUST 7, 2022**

**ACOLYTES:** BRODE VICKERMAN, LUCAS REDALEN  
**READERS:** MICHAEL EVENSON JR., SHARON EHLE  
**GREETERS:** SHARON & PAUL EHLE

**SUNDAY, AUGUST 14, 2022**

**ACOLYTES:** LUCAS REDALEN, GUS HOILAND  
**READERS:** DANA DEGEORGE, SCOTT BESTUL  
**GREETERS:** LYLE & ANN MELDAHL

**SUNDAY, AUGUST 21, 2022—OUTDOOR WORSHIP**

**READERS:** BRODE VICKERMAN, LYNNETTE PEDERSON  
**GREETERS:** ALLAN SKALET & KAY EIKEN

**SUNDAY, AUGUST 28, 2022**

**PARISH WORSHIP AT ELSTAD—10:30 A.M.**

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

**SUNDAY, AUGUST 7, 2022**

**ACOLYTE:** THEA ARENDS  
**READERS:** LIZ HAGEMAN, GENE TOPNESS

**SUNDAY, AUGUST 14, 2022**

**ACOLYTE:** SARI REIN  
**READERS:** SARI REIN, JOHN ABRAHAMSON

**SUNDAY, AUGUST 21, 2022**

**OUTDOOR WORSHIP @ HP—10:30 A.M.**

**SUNDAY, AUGUST 28, 2022**

**ACOLYTE:** JENSYN STORHOFF  
**READERS:** JENSYN STORHOFF, LORI BAKKE

**USHERS:** CAROL OVERLAND, JOHN OVERLAND,  
JEFF FREESE, STEVE STORHOFF,  
TOM SMITH, WILSON STORHOFF