

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

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April Worship Schedule

Sunday, April 2, 2023
Palm Sunday

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

Isaiah 50:4-9a

Psalm 31:9-16

Philippians 2:5-11

Matthew 26:14—27:66

Maundy Thursday, April 6, 2023

Service at Highland Prairie 7:00 p.m.

Exodus 12:1-4 [5-10] 11-14

Psalm 116:1-2, 12-19

1 Corinthians 11:23-26

John 13:1-17, 31b-35

Good Friday, April 7, 2023

Service at Elstad 7:00 p.m.

Isaiah 52:13— 53:12

Psalm 22

Hebrews 10:16-25

Sunday, April 9, 2023
Easter Sunday

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

Acts 10:34-43

Psalm 118:1-2, 14-24

Colossians 3:1-4

Matthew 28:1-10

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Sunday, April 16 2023
Second Sunday of Easter

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

Acts 2:14a, 22-32

Psalm 16

1 Peter 1:3-9

John 20:19-31

Sunday, April 23, 2023
Third Sunday in Easter

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

Acts 2:14a, 36-41

Psalm 116:1-4, 12-19

1 Peter 1:17-23

Luke 24:13-35

Sunday, April 30, 2023
Fourth Sunday of Easter

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

Acts 2:42-47

Psalm 23

1 Peter 2:19-25

John 10:1-10

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Happy Spring y'all!

I know we have a song about it for Christmas...but this really is the most wonderful time of the year! After a long winter, spring has sprung! It means the days are getting longer, the grass is getting greener and going outside no longer means wrestling a toddler into a snow suit! For some of you with green thumbs, it means you get to start planning out gardens, clearing out the remnants of last year's garden and creating space for the new things to grow. You get to start dreaming about what you will plant, the beauty it will provide or you get to anticipate seeing the things you have tended and planted in years past return and grow again.

Amid all that new life coming up around us in creation, churches around the world make a bold and hopeful proclamation:

ALLELUIA! Christ is Risen!

He is risen, indeed! ALLELUIA!!!

We celebrate that our God, who died on a cross, didn't stay dead. Three days later when his friends went to grieve his loss, the tomb was empty. Even though the disciples and Jesus' friends thought it had, death did not get the final word.

Here is the thing about God, and God's story, we see over and over again, that God refuses to let death have the final word. God's first act is to create life out of chaos. God brings the Israelites out of slavery and into new life. Through Ezekiel, God brings new life into a valley of dry bones.

This is what it means to be an Easter people dear ones- to know that we have a God who will bring life out of the places that seem lifeless. Even when it feels hopeless, even when it feels never-ending, even when it feels dead....we have a God who brings new life. As Easter people, as people of the resurrection, we get to trust that promise and, just as those of you with green thumbs will do in your gardens, we get to clear out the old growth, create space for new things and wait to see what comes up again from years past.

God is going to be up to some incredible things dear ones, there is new life everywhere! So keep your eyes open and when you see it, clear the way for it a little bit and help it grow!

Prayer Corner

Scripture tells us to pray without ceasing. Let's be known as a praying congregation. Please keep Ferne Brewster, Naomi Wangen, Lisa Bakkum, Marilyn Soland and all others who are ill or in need of our prayers.

April and November have been designated as two months for donations to the world hunger funds at Elstad church. What better way to give a tangible hope while sharing God's love with our global neighbors to those in need around the world. There is never an end to the world hunger. Thank you for what you have given in the past. The Elstad community has always been faithful to the various opportunities to be a part of this ministry. If you would like to share in this April mission you can give a designated amount to the collection offering or to the church treasurer. Thank you.

The Highland Prairie WELCA will be having a meatball dinner on April 16th, 10:30—1:30 p.m. We are asking for everyone to volunteer with signing up for jobs and donating food items. This is WELCA's biggest fund raiser of the year, and we are hoping for a wonderful turnout. We have not had a dinner since 2019 so we are looking forward to a day filled with wonderful fellowship and great food.

Meatball Dinner Menu: meatballs, mashed potatoes & gravy, green beans almondine, assorted salads, our homemade lefse and buns, desserts, and beverage

Adults: \$12 Children (6-12): \$6 Children 5 and under – free ~ We will offer dine in or carry out

Highland Prairie Financials for February 2023

YTD Income	\$ 12,903
YTD Expenses	\$ 14,871
Expenses Exceed Income	\$ 1,968
YTD Budget	\$ 17,834
YTD Income	\$ 12,903
YTD Under	\$ 4,931

Elstad Financials for February 2023

Elstad budget for February	\$7454.83
Received February	\$ 4223.00
Under February	\$ 3231.83
Elstad Budget YTD	\$ 14909.66
Received YTD	\$ 13742.00
Under YTD	\$ 1137.66

Highland Prairie Lutheran Church Council Meeting

March 26, 2023

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, Sharon Ehler, Mary Gudmundson, Steve Howe, Val Howe, David Markegard and Lyle Meldahl, Mike Pepin.

Devotions will be given at joint meeting.

A quorum was determined, and a motion to approve the agenda as presented was made by Val Howe, Sharon Ehler 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 \$12,903.00 expenses \$14,871.00; expenses exceed income by \$1,968.00. A motion to approve as presented was made by Steve Howe, David Markegard. Motion carried.

No President's Report

Pastor's Report – Will be given at joint meeting

Correspondence – Synod mission support statement, multiple flyers

Committee Reports:

Church – Furnace - one is not working, Kyle will investigate

Grounds – Parking lot light has no power to it currently

Worship – Piano dehumidifier quote was \$510.00

Youth & Education – Sunday School discussion on options; Mission trip to Twin Cities is being planned.

Old Business: None

New Business: Pastor Compensation discussion, will be discussed at joint council.

Kitchen entrance awning and fan were discussed and Gordon Johnson was looking into the awning, council discussed other options, no action at this time.

Lower main entrance ramp has been replaced

Lights are a work in progress

Ball Field discussion tabled to next meeting

Parking lot light currently has no power at the pole, breaker has been turned off while problem is checked.

Mowing Contract for 2023-2025 was shared by Karen Bakken. David Markegard moved to accept the Cutting Edge Lawncare 3-year contract for 22 mowings per season for 2023 at \$7500, 2024 at \$7600, and 2025 at \$7700. Sharon Ehler seconded. Motion carried.

Piano dehumidifier quote was provided and a motion to proceed was made by Val Howe, Karen Bakken seconded. Motion carried.

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

A motion to adjourn at 6:35 p.m. was made by Val Howe, Mike Pepin seconded. Motion carried.

Respectfully submitted, Mary Gudmundson

Next Meeting is April 16th following the Meatball Dinner at Highland Prairie.

Elstad/Highland Prairie Call Committee Feedback

Hopes and Dreams

Directions: Please complete this form to assist the call committee in writing an updated Ministry Site Profile as part of our Call process. Forms are due back to the church by Sunday, April 2nd. Each site will have a box for responses or you can mail in your responses (address below). A digital copy of this form is also available via email/Facebook. Only one response is requested per person. Thank you for your prayerful time and consideration when completing this form.

1. Which church do you most closely associate with? Circle one.

Elstad

Highland Prairie

2. How long have you been a member or associated with this congregation?

3. What are three words that describe this congregation?

4. What are some of the strengths of this congregation? What do you especially appreciate about this congregation?
List at least three things.

5. What are your hopes and dreams for the congregations' ministry? What would you like to see happen in the next one to five years?

6. If you could dream big, what could we accomplish in our ministry together in seeking to serve our large community?

Elstad/Highland Prairie Churches

% Lisa Chiglo

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APRIL 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@gmail.com



- 1~ Sharon Rustad
- ~ Cora Olson
- ~ Grayden Knutson
- 2 ~ Matthew Soppa
- ~ J.T. Rein
- 3 ~ Kristi Rein
- 4 ~ Janet Todd
- 5 ~ Taylor Thompson
- ~ Kylie Woxland
- 6~ Erick Berland
- ~ Waylon Colwell
- ~ Chloe Peterson
- ~ Amber Eide
- 7 ~ Rodney Humble
- 8~ Timothy Knutson
- 9~ Vicky Topness
- ~ Sarah Bacon
- ~ Melissa Hallum
- ~ Chase Bakke
- ~ Colin Bakke
- 10~ Jill Halverson
- ~ Hudson Stensgard
- 11 ~ Gary Rustad
- ~ Barbara Onomija
- ~ Hans Lind
- ~ Makenna Peterson

- 13 ~ Tim Stensgard
- 14~ Richard Howe
- 15~ Marlys Paulson
- ~ Kody Bearbower
- 16~ Cindy Johnson
- ~ Dawn Steffes
- 18 ~ Leah Jacobson
- 20 ~ Casy Howe
- ~ Hudson Keller
- 21 ~ Sharon Boyum
- ~ Jennifer Klug
- ~ Jenna Root
- 22 ~ Chealsy Eide
- ~ Tyler Chiglo
- 23~ Erik Sievers
- ~ Nick Wangen
- 24~ Jeffery Passow
- 25~ Mason Yonts
- 27~ Robert Nelson
- ~ Matthew James
- 28~ Paul Halverson
- ~ Nicole Woxland
- ~ Jessica Woxland
- 29~ Jerry Dragvold
- ~ Suzanne Mueller
- ~ Michael Lee
- 30~ Steven Howe
- ~ Elizabeth Larson

- 1~ Larry & Deb Topness
- 7~ John & Carol Overland
- 8~ Mark & Cindy Johnson
- 24~ Glen & Sandy Thomas

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Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
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2 HP—9:00 a.m. SS—10:00 a.m. EL—10:30 SS during worship	3	4	5 HP WELCA Bible study— 1:30 p.m.	6 Maundy Thursday— 7:00 p.m. @ HP	7 HP WELCA bake sale Good Friday— 7:00 p.m. @ EL	8
9 HP—9:00 a.m. EL—10:30	10	11	12 HP WELCA meatball dinner prep—9:30 a.m. Confirmation— 6:30 p.m.	13	14	15
16 HP—9:00 a.m. EL—10:30 SS during worship HP Meatball Dinner HP council 2:30 p.54m.	17	18	19 Newsletter Deadline Youth meeting at Elstad, 6:30 p.m. No Confirmation Bulletin Deadline	20	21	22
23 HP—9:00 a.m. SS—10:00 a.m. EL—10:30 SS during worship	24	25	26 Confirmation— 6:30 p.m. Bulletin Deadline	27	28	29
30 HP—9:00 a.m. SS—10:00 a.m. EL—10:30 SS during worship						

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HIGHLAND PRAIRIE
ACOLYTES/READERS/GREETERS

PALM SUNDAY, APRIL 2, 2023

ACOLYTE: CREIGHTON HOINESS
READERS: CREIGHTON HOINESS, STEVE HOWE
GREETERS: MARY & VAL GUDMUNDSON

MAUNDY THURSDAY, APRIL 6, 2023

ACOLYTE:
READERS: SHARON EHLER
GREETERS: SHARON BOYUM

EASTER SUNDAY, APRIL 9, 2023

ACOLYTE: TAHVEN PEPIN
READERS: TAHVEN PEPIN, ARLENE JOHNSON
GREETERS: PEPIN FAMILY

SUNDAY, APRIL 16, 2023

ACOLYTE: GUS HOILAND
READERS: GUS HOILAND, KRISTI GUDMUNDSON
GREETERS:

SUNDAY, APRIL 23, 2023

ACOLYTE: CHASE HUMBLE
READERS: CHASE HUMBLE, ANDREA PEPIN
GREETERS: VAL & PAULA HOWE

SUNDAY, APRIL 30, 2023

ACOLYTE: CARSON JOHNSON
READERS: CARSON JOHNSON, MARY GUDMUNDSON
GREETERS: LYLE & ANN MELDAHL

ELSTAD
ACOLYTES/READERS/USHERS

PALM SUNDAY, APRIL 2, 2023

ACOLYTE: THEA ARENDS
READERS: SHELLY NELSON
GREETERS: AMBER & ANDY ARENDS

GOOD FRIDAY, APRIL 7, 2023

ACOLYTE:
READERS:
GREETERS:

EASTER SUNDAY, APRIL 9, 2023

ACOLYTE:
READERS: GENE & VICKY TOPNESS
GREETERS: CAROL FOGAL & CAROL DIXON

SUNDAY, APRIL 16, 2023

ACOLYTE:
READERS: GLEE CLAUSSEN
GREETERS: TOM & CAROLYN SMITH

SUNDAY, APRIL 23, 2023

ACOLYTE:
READERS:
GREETERS:

SUNDAY, APRIL 30, 2023

ACOLYTE:
READERS:
GREETERS:
USHERS: JOHN & CAROL OVERLAND