

Elstad- Highland Prairie Lutheran Parish

Newsletter

July 2024

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

Monday 12-5

&

Wednesdays 8-4.

Lisa will be in the office on Thursday mornings from 9-11 a.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.

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Bible Study & Circles

Highland Prairie

Wednesday, July 3
Bible study at 1:30

Wednesday, July 10
Do Day, 9:00 a.m.
Followed by fellowship and a potluck meal.

Elstad

Esther Circle - 2nd Thursday of the Month Meets 9:30

Leah Circle - Meets on 2nd Tuesday of the Month Meets in Lansboro @ 2:00

Elizabeth Circle - 2nd Wednesday at Park Lane in Preston @ 8:30

Bible Study - Meets at Bethlehem in Lanesboro on Monday @ 9:30



Pastors Corner

Greetings,

The heart of summer has arrived, I greet you with warmth and gratitude for your continued faith and commitment to our community. July is a time of reflection, celebration, and preparation as we bask in the longer days and the beauty of God's creation.

Reflecting on Freedom and Faith

This month, we celebrate Independence Day, a time to reflect on the freedoms we cherish in our nation. As we enjoy the festivities with family and friends, let us also remember the freedom we have in Christ. Galatians 5:1 reminds us, "It is for freedom that Christ has set us free." May we use this time to meditate on the spiritual freedom granted to us through our Lord and Savior, and how we can extend that freedom to others in our daily lives.

Monthly Ministry Focus

June's, condiment collection, was a tremendous success, and I thank each one of you who contributed. This summer I encourage everyone to participate in a volunteer opportunity, whether it's serving meals, offering a listening ear, or simply sharing a smile. Our acts of kindness and service are powerful testimonies of God's love in action.

Youth and Family Events

Summer is a wonderful time for fellowship and fun, especially for our youth and families. WE are working on the details for Our Vacation Bible School (VBS). It promises to be filled with exciting activities, learning, and spiritual growth for our children. The parish youth will be camping out July 12-14 as well as serving the meal after the Bowl Service on July 28th. There will be an old fashion ball game after worship as well as an outdoor market.. This will be a great opportunity to relax, enjoy each other's company, and strengthen the bonds within our church family.

Stewardship and Giving

I would also like to take a moment to express my heartfelt appreciation for your generous contributions. Your faithfulness in giving enables us to sustain our ministries. As we continue through the summer months, please consider how you can support the work of our church, be it through a thivent action team grant, or volunteering your time and talents.

Prayers and Encouragement

In closing, I want to remind you of the power of prayer. As a church, we are called to lift one another up and support each other through all seasons of life. I am humbled by all the kindness and care extended to our family during the loss of my mother. Let us continue to pray for one another, our church, our community, and our world, trusting in God's provision and guidance.

May this July be a month of growth, joy, and deeper connection with our Lord and each other. May God's love and grace be upon you and your families.

Blessings,

Pr. Jackie

Stewardship

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

July 2024

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.

JULY'S ITEM WILL BE ...

PAPER PRODUCTS

GET CREATIVE!! IF YOU ARE ABLE GRAB AN EXTRA ROLL OF PAPER TOWELS SOME NAPKINS OR A PACK OF PAPER PLATES PLACE YOUR ITEM 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 FOOD PANTRY'S. IF YOU ARE ABLE TO HELP WITH DELIVERING THE ITEMS PLEASE LET PR. JACKIE KNOW.

“LOVE GOD. LOVE OTHERS. THE WORLD.”

AS A PARISH OUR GOAL IS ALWAYS TO ENHANCE AND STRENGTHEN OUR CONGREGATION'S DISCIPLESHIP MINISTRY BY ENGAGING OUR FAMILIES IN MEANINGFUL WAYS.

Did you know you that you can share your financial gifts with your congregation electronically? You have several options ...You can set up a reoccurring payment from your bank account through Bill Pay or Zelle.

Both of these are fee free & secure options to help make giving easy and to also ensure that your church community receives your support. If you would like more information about these options you can reach out to your bank or talk to Pr. Jackie

Elstad Financials for May 2024

Elstad budget for May	\$8407. 00
Received May	\$ 5190.00
Under May	\$ 3217.00
Elstad Budget YTD	\$42035.00
Received YTD	\$32187.00
Under YTD	\$ 9848.00

Youth & Family

2024 ELCA Youth Gathering

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the table Young Adult Gathering

Thank you to everyone who helped raise funds for this trip! Pray for a safe trip for all who will be traveling to attend July 16-20 !

LOOKING FOR VOLUNTEERS to HELP with a Community VACATION BIBLE SCHOOL in August. Talk to Pastor Jackie for more information or to sign- up to help!



Parish Youth Camping Out July 12-14
ALL youth entering 7th grade and up are welcome!!! Invite your friends to come pitch their tents at Highland Prairie and have some fun! We will Meet at HP @ noon on July 12th to set up our campsite. Watch your email for more information and a packing list from Pastor Jackie.

JULY HAPPENINGS



2024 Bowl Service Schedule

July 28: Fatherland
Meal
Walking Tacos
Old Time Baseball
Game
Outdoor Market

August 18:
RLC Praise Team

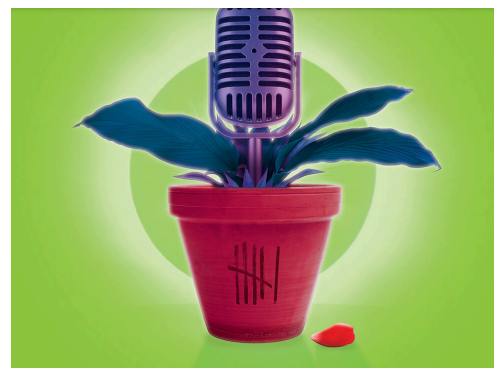
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Gary Froiland

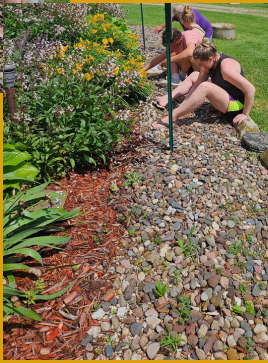
~ Sign up to Record
Sunday Worship!!
We need volunteers at
both churches!

LITTLE SHOP OF HORRORS

We are working on a plan to get a
group trip together to go see
Yvonne Freese at the Guthrie
Theater.

If you are interested please let
Pr. Jackie or Vicki Topness





THANK YOU TO MARK GORMAN, GENE TOPNESS , THEA, HER FRIEND CLAYTON, AMBER ARENDS FOR ALL YOUR HARD WORK SCOOPING, TRANSPORTING AND PLACING THE NEW (TO US) ROCK AROUND THE FRESHLY WEEDED ELSTAD CHURCH GARDENS!



Highland Prairie Lutheran Prayer Chain, Thank you for the beautiful prayer shawl you gifted Jim. Prayers were as important as treatment going through this difficult journey

Sincerely,
Kriste Rislove

Thank you to the **Howe Brothers & David Markegard** for trimming & removing the tree debris by the band shell. They also hauled dirt around filling in the low spots in the back by the lower lot!

Thank you **Mary & Brody** for painting the the wall in the Sunday School Wing & Fellowship Hall.

Thank you to all the hands and hearts that helped to serve the Dahl & Hongerholdt families as they said goodbye to their loved ones. It is so much more than just a pan of bars it is an outward expression of our christian love.

Pastor Jackie wants to say a **GIANT THANK YOU** to Mike & Tavin Pepin for tilling the garden & also to Steve & Dave Howe, & David Markegard moving the dirt for me! I am so grateful for your kindness.

HIGHLAND PRAIRIE COUNCIL MEETING REPORT MAY 19, 2024

Highland Prairie Lutheran Church Council Meeting

June 10, 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, Mary Gudmundson, Val Howe, Steve Howe, and Mike Pepin. Amy Jacobson was absent.

Devotions were given by Kyle Chiglo.

A quorum was determined, and a motion to approve the agenda was made by David Markegard, Steve Howe 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 \$40,033.00 expenses of \$32,583.00; Income exceeds expenses by \$7,450.00. A motion to approve as presented was made Mike Pepin, Mary Gudmundson seconded. Motion carried.

President's Report – None

Pastor's Report given by Pastor Jackie Short included Youth camping July 12-14, VBS will be held in August, Monthly Outreach Stewardship Ministry, Bereavement days for her mother's service, and pulpit supply dates.

Correspondence: Various donation requests and stained-glass inspection solicitation

Committee Reports: Church –

Grounds Committee – Walk through done, items to note, tree by bandshell needs to be removed, debris in bowl needs to be blown out, bowl rock walls need attention and Sentence to Serve has been contacted, fencing and a downed tree in bowl will be replaced.

Worship Committee –

Youth & Education Committee –

Old Business: Parsonage air conditioning discussed and tabled to next parish meeting.

Parking lot sealcoat bid is valid and work to be completed in July.

New Business:

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

A motion to adjourn with the Lord's Prayer at 6:55 p.m. was made by Robert Anfinson, Kristi Gudmundson seconded. Motion carried.

Respectfully submitted

Mary Gudmundson

Next Meeting is July 14th 5:30 pm at Elstad.

Highland Prairie Financials for May 2024

YTD Income	\$ 40,033
YTD Expenses	\$ 32,583
Expenses Exceed Income	\$ 7,450
YTD Budget	\$ 46,460
YTD Income	\$ 40,033
YTD Under	\$ 6,427

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: elstadhighlandprairieparish@gmail.com



- 1~ Joey Stensgard
- 2~ Katy Laneville
- ~ Slade Pepin
- 3~ Mary Dunphy
- 5~ Peter Ask
- ~ Joshua Drinkall
- 6~ Richard Nepstad
- ~ Paul Peterson
- 7~ Beckett Hovland
- ~ Lincoln Bakkum ~ Mohwinkel
- 8~ Caroline Anfinson
- ~ Christine Knutson
- ~ Braxton Rodger
- 9~ Dean Berland
- ~ Kyle Chiglo
- 10~ Arlene Johnson
- 11~ Allison Bauer
- ~ Marguerite Abrahamson
- 12~ Kathy Abrahamson
- ~ Kristi Oman
- ~ Jeremy Pederson
- 13~ Kyle Bearbower
- 14~ Riley Koop

- 16~ Charles Pederson
- ~ Lyle Rustad
- ~ David Stockton
- 17~ Jade Grabau
- ~ Nicole Howe
- ~ Kreedon Wangen
- 18~ Elizabeth Abrahamson
- ~ Kirstin Lawstuen
- 19~ Shelly Nelson
- ~ John Knutson
- ~ Autumn Humble
- 20~ Joan Finnegan
- ~ Mary Gudmundson
- ~ Brent Storhoff
- 21~ Colby Lind
- 22~ Ken Jacobson
- ~ Jerod Chiglo
- ~ Nolan Eide
- 23~ Karen Bakken
- 24~ Jimmy Sharpe Jr.
- ~ Brandon Neigum
- 25~ Siri Dworschak
- 26~ Chelsey Hungerholt
- 29~ Lori Bakke
- ~ Emily Bakke
- ~ Ashley Rein
- ~ Josie Bearbower
- 30~ Lee Johnson
- ~ Kayleigh Wangen
- ~ Palmer Root
- 31~ Susan Blagsvedt



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

JULY

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 FIND US ON FACEBOOK OR VISIT OUR WEBSITES AT:
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HIGHLANDPRAIRIECHURCH.ORG

SUN	MON	TUE	WED	THU	FRI	SAT
	1	2	3 HP WELCA Bible study 1:30 p.m. Bulletin Deadline	4	5	6
7 HP—9:00 a.m. EL—10:30 a.m.	8 Bible study—9:30 a.m. @ Bethlehem in Lanesboro	9 Leah circle 2:00 p.m.	10 HP WELCA Do-Day 9 a.m. Elizabeth circle—8:30 a.m. Bulletin Deadline	11 Esther circle 9:30 a.m.	12	13
14 HP—9:00 a.m. EL—10:30 a.m. Parish council Meetings @ EL	15 Bible study—9:30 a.m. @ Bethlehem in Lanesboro	16	17 HP WELCA Do-Day 9 a.m. Bulletin Deadline	18	19 Newsletter Deadline	20
21 HP—9:00 a.m. EL—10:30 a.m.	22 Bible study—9:30 a.m. @ Bethlehem in Lanesboro	23	24 Bulletin Deadline	25	26	27
28 Outdoor Parish Worship @ HP 10:30 a.m.	29 Bible study—9:30 a.m. @ Bethlehem in Lanesboro	30	31 Bulletin Deadline			

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HIGHLAND PRAIRIE
ACOLYTES/READERS/GREETERS

SUNDAY, JULY 7, 2024

ACOLYTES: BRODY GELLERSEN, MATHEW GUDMUNDSON
READERS: BRODY GELLERSEN
GREETERS:

SUNDAY, JULY 14, 2024

ACOLYTES: MATHEW GUDMUNDSON, CAIDEN DAHLE
READERS: MARY GUDMUNDSON, MATHEW GUDMUNDSON
GREETER:

SUNDAY, JULY 21, 2024

ACOLYTES: CAIDEN DAHLE, CLARA HOILAND
READERS: CAIDEN DAHLE
GREETERS:

SUNDAY, JULY 28, 2024

OUTDOOR PARSIH WORSHIP @ 10:30 A.M.

READERS:
GREETERS:

ELSTAD
ACOLYTES/READERS/USHERS

SUNDAY, JULY 7, 2024

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SUNDAY, JULY 21, 2024

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SUNDAY, JULY 28, 2024

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READERS:
GREETERS:

USHERS: DICK & DIANE HAIGHT