

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

~ March 2024 ~

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## **March Worship Schedule**

### **Sunday, March 3, 2024** **Third Sunday in Lent**

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

Exodus 20:1-17  
Psalm 19  
1 Corinthians 1:18-25  
John 2:13-22

### **Wednesday, March 6, 2024** **Lenten Service**

7:00 p.m.—HP ~ 6:00 p.m.—Soup Supper

### **Sunday, March 10, 2024** **Fourth Sunday in Lent**

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

Numbers 21:4-9  
Psalm 107:1-3, 17-22  
Ephesians 2:1-10  
John 3:14-21

### **Wednesday, March 13, 2024** **Lenten Service**

7:00 p.m.—Elstad ~ 6:00 p.m.—Soup Supper

### **Sunday, March 17, 2024** **Fifth Sunday in Lent**

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

Jeremiah 31:31-34  
Psalm 51:1-12  
Hebrews 5:5-10  
John 12:20-33

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### **Wednesday, March 20, 2024** **Lenten Service**

7:00 p.m.—H.P. ~ 6:00 p.m.—Soup Supper

### **Palm Sunday, March 24, 2023** **Sunday of the Passion**

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

Isaiah 50:4-9a  
Psalm 31:9-16  
Philippians 2:5-11 Mark 14:1—15:47

### **Maundy Thursday, March 28, 2024**

**Elstad—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, March 29, 2024**

**Highland Prairie—7:00 p.m.**

Isaiah 52:13—53:12  
Psalm 22  
Hebrews 10:16-25  
John 18: - 19:42

### **Easter Sunday, March 31, 2024** **Resurrection of our Lord**

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

Acts:10:34-43  
Psalm 118:1-2, 14-24  
1 Corinthians 15:1-11  
Mark 16:1-8

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# PASTORS CORNER



As we begin our journey together we find ourselves at a crossroad between the fond memories of the past and the anticipation of the future. While we may grieve the loss of things that once were, with open hearts, we embark on a new chapter filled with hope, faith, and God's promise that we are never alone.

We know that change is inevitable. Just as the seasons shift, so do the seasons of our lives. Throughout history, God has called His people to adapt to new circumstances and challenges. When we gather together physically and spiritually we face these changes **together** as a community, remembering God's steadfastness, which continues to offer us the strength and wisdom we need to navigate any transformation. **Ecclesiastes 3:1**, tells us that "For everything, there is a season, and a time for every matter under heaven." I pray that we are all able to approach change with grace, knowing that God's plan for us is always filled with love and purpose.

As followers of Christ, we are called to in all times put our hope in God. This is not difficult for us to do when we focus on God's unwavering love and promise, We are able to find hope that transcends any circumstance. May our faith be the guiding light that leads others to find hope and strength in Christ.

Church family, as we continue our journey through Lent, let us take time to reflect on the ministry of our parish, that has spanned many years and celebrate the moments that have shaped us, the challenges that have strengthened us, and the blessings that have enriched us. As we cherish the past, let us remain open to God's leading for the future, embracing new beginnings with joy and enthusiasm.

Dear friends, I pray that this is a season of renewed faith, where we embrace change with courage, and find hope in the promises of our Lord. Let us not only worship together, but also support one another, and continue to be living testimonies of God's unwavering grace and love in this ever changing world!

With love and prayers,  
Pastor Jackie

## Prayer Corner

*Scriptures tell us to pray without ceasing. Let's be known as a praying congregation. Please keep Sharon Ehler, Emily Charlebois, Scott Bestul, Julian Highum, Mark Johnson, Eldon Dahl and all others who are ill or in need of our prayers.*



*If you have a pastoral emergency or would like Pastor Jackie to call upon you or a loved one in the hospital, nursing home, or at your home. Please call her at 507-517-0769 or email her at [pastor.highlandprairie.elstad@gmail.com](mailto:pastor.highlandprairie.elstad@gmail.com)*

*\*\*\*When you register at the Hospital, please add her to your visitor list.*

### Parish Council Meetings ~ Sunday, March 10, 2024

Highland Prairie council will meet after worship service at Highland Prairie

Parish council – 6:30 p.m.

Elstad council – 7:30 p.m.

### COFFEE & CONVERSATION

Pastor Jackie is excited to be part of the Elstad -Highland Prairie family! She is eager to meet every one and to learn more about you and your family. Stop by the office or Email or call her to set up a time to connect at the office or wherever you would like.

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### Highland Prairie Financials for January 2024

YTD Income	\$ 6,506
YTD Expenses	\$ 5,530
Expenses Exceed Income	\$ 976
YTD Budget	\$ 9,292
YTD Income	\$ 6,506
YTD Under	\$ 2,786

**WEDNESDAYS  
IN  
LENT  
2024**

**Highland Prairie**

Walking With James & John  
February 21  
Meal & Mentors @6pm  
Worship @ 7pm

**Elstad**

Walking With Philp and James  
February 28  
Meal & Mentors @6pm  
Worship @ 7pm

**Highland Prairie**

Walking With Simon & Nathanael (Bartholomew)  
March 6  
Meal & Mentors @6pm  
Worship @ 7pm

**Elstad**

Walking With Matthew & Thomas  
March 13  
Meal & Mentors @6pm  
Worship @ 7pm

**HIGHLAND PRAIRIE**  
43267 BOWL DR,  
PETERSON

**ELSTAD**  
37784 DOGWOOD RD,  
LANESBORO

**Highland Prairie**

Walking With Judas and Judas  
March 20  
Meal & Mentors @6pm  
Worship @ 7pm

**ALL are Welcome Join us this Lenten Season as we Journey with the disciples who were there.**

### Elstad Budget for January 2024

Budget	\$ 8407.00
Received	\$ 11353.00
Over	\$ 2946.00

Mabel Floral has 6" potted Lilies plants @ \$20.00 for Easter. Make checks payable to Mabel Floral and place in envelope. Orders need to be placed by 3/24/2024.

Thank you!!



Elstad All Church Birthday Party  
Sunday, March 10th after worship service

# Elstad—Highland Prairie Lutheran Parish 2024 Staff

## **Elstad:**

President—Gene Topness  
Vice President—Christopher Nelson  
Secretary—Tanya Wolfs  
Treasurer—Jennifer Nepstad  
Trustees—Krissy Overland (25)  
          Amber Arends (26)  
          Kathy Abrahamson (27)

## **Board of Education:**

Michelle Rein (25)  
Krissy Overland (26)  
Morgan Knutson (27)

## **Synod Assembly Voting Members:**

Kathy Abrahamson & Carol Fogal

## **Synod Assembly Alternates:**

Dick & Diane Haight

## **Head Ushers:**

Gene Topness—Vicky Topness  
John Overland—Carol Overland  
Dick Haigh—Diane Haight

## **Auditors:**

John Abrahamson (25)  
Tom Dybing (26)

## **Altar Guild:**

Carolyn Smith (25) Darlys Storhoff (26)  
Byron & Aimee Rodger (27) Dick & Diane Haight (27)

## **World Hunger Representatives:**

Philipp & Ruth Abrahamson

## **Cemetery Board:**

David Lawstuen (25)  
Rich Nepstad (26)  
Duane Bakke (27)

## **Highland Prairie:**

President—Kyle Chiglo  
Vice President—Steve Howe  
Secretary—Mary Gudmundson  
Treasurer—Karen Bakken  
Trustees—  
Val Howe (25) Sharon Ehler (25)  
Mike Pepin (26) David Markegard (25)  
Robert Anfinson (27)  
Kristi Gudmundson (27)

## **Board of Education:**

Chellsey Olson (25)  
Val Howe (26)  
Andrea Pepin (27) Kyle Chiglo (27)

## **Synod Assembly Voting Members:**

Gordon & Arlene Johnson

## **Synod Assembly Alternates:**

Lyle & Ann Meldahl

## **Head Ushers:**

Kenneth Bakkum  
Gary Rustad  
Steve Howe & Elvin Pauslon

## **Auditors:**

Nancy Rustad (25) Darrel Highum (26)  
Kay Dahl (27)

## **Good Shepherd Delegates:**

Sharon Ehler  
Mary Gudmundson

## **Endowment Committee:**

Charles Pederson (25) Val Howe (26)  
Robert Anfinson (26)  
Gordon Johnson (27)

## Highland Prairie Lutheran Church Council Meeting

**February 11, 2024**

The meeting was called to order at 12:37 p.m. by President Kyle Chiglo.

Council Members present were Robert Anfinson, Karen Bakken, Kyle Chiglo, Kristi Gudmundson, Mary Gudmundson, Val Howe, David Markegard, Mike Pepin. Sharon Ehler and Steve Howe were absent.

Pastor Jackie Short lead us in prayer.

A quorum was determined, and a motion to approve the agenda as presented was made by Val Howe, David Markegard 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 \$6,506.00 expenses \$5,530.00; Income exceeds expenses by \$976.00. A motion to approve as presented was made by Mike Pepin, David Markegard seconded. Motion carried.

President's Report given by Kyle Chiglo.

Pastor's Report given by Pastor Jackie Short. She shared that she started her visits at the nursing home and is signed up to lead a worship service there in March. Ministry, Confirmation, Sunday school and basic business items were addressed.

Correspondence: A thank you from Pastor Pete Ruess was shared.

Committee Reports: Church –

Grounds Committee – Reminder Clean Up Day is scheduled for Saturday, May 18<sup>th</sup> 9:00 a.m. Rock wall in bowl needs repair.

Worship committee –

Youth & Education Committee –

Old Business: None

New Business: Council meeting times are set at annual meeting, discussion of options was held and a motion to have Highland Prairie council meetings following worship when the late service is at Highland Prairie was made by David Markegard, Mike Pepin seconded. Further discussion was held. Motion carried.

Sunday school and Confirmation policy were addressed in the Pastor's Report, job descriptions and updates, list of committees and contact information will be reviewed.

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

A motion to adjourn with the Lord's Prayer at 1:57 p.m. was made by Mike Pepin, Kristi Gudmundson seconded. Motion carried.

Respectfully submitted, Mary Gudmundson

Next Meeting is March 10<sup>th</sup> following the 10:30 worship service. Parish Council meeting at Elstad will be March 10<sup>th</sup> at 6:30 p.m.

# MARCH 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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|---------------------------|----------------------|
| 1~ Kaelynn Evenson        | 15 ~ Harper Nelson   |
| 2 ~ Sharon Knutson        | ~ Quinn Nelson       |
| ~ Mark Johnson            | 16~ Duane Bakke      |
| 3 ~ Kristoffer Gudmundson | 17~ Caryn Butler     |
| ~ Gavin Wangen            | ~ Taylor Gravos      |
| 4 ~ Tanya Wolfs           | 18 ~ Glee Claussen   |
| ~ Jeremy Berge            | ~ Helen Jacobson     |
| 5 ~ Brittany Johnson      | 20 ~ Robert Anfinson |
| 6~ John Johnson           | ~ Elizabeth McHan    |
| ~ Treyton Wangen          | ~ Jonah Sievers      |
| ~ Ava Fox                 | ~ Liam Nelson        |
| ~ Brooks Fishbaugher      | 21 ~ Cammy Johnson   |
| 8 ~ Aaron Dybing          | 22 ~ Sandy Sjarpe    |
| ~ Timothy Knutson         | ~ Sarah Bearbower    |
| ~ Isaac Freese            | ~ Kjersta Donnelly   |
| ~ Norah Eide              | 23~ Sharon Ehler     |
| 9 ~ Philip Abrahamson     | ~ Julie Ekstrom      |
| ~ Mariah Mierau           | ~ Kelsey Anderson    |
| ~ Britney Fretland        | 25~ Matthew Brookins |
| ~ Mathew Gudmundson       | 27 ~ Sandra Overland |
| 12~ Mitchell Lee          | ~ Ben Markegard      |
| 13 ~ Mary McHan           | 28 ~ Tom Smith       |
| ~ Brian Paulson           | ~ Wendy Overland     |
| ~ Tyler Dahl              | ~ Naomi Howe         |
| ~ Hilary Eide             | ~ Channing Lind      |
| ~ Layni Vix               | 29 ~ Brianna Koop    |
| 14~ Ellen Shofner         | 30 ~ Roman Ritter    |
|                           | 31 ~ Guthrie Johnson |

- 15~ Mike & Marcia Randall  
20 ~ Robert & Caroline  
Anfinson  
24~ Robert & Shelly Nelson

# March ~ 2024

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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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<b>3</b> HP—9:00 a.m. EL—10:30 a.m.	<b>4</b>	<b>5</b>	<b>6</b> HP WELCA Bible study—1:30 p.m.  Lenten Service @ HP 6:00 p.m.—Soup Supper 7:00 p.m.—Worship <b>Bulletin Deadline</b>	<b>7</b>	<b>8</b>	<b>9</b>
<b>10</b> EL—9:00 a.m. HP—10:30 a.m.  Parish Council Meetings @ EL 6:30 p.m.—Parish 7:30 p.m.—EL HP council @ HP	<b>11</b>	<b>12</b>	<b>13</b> HP WELCA—Craft Day—9:00 a.m.  Lenten Service @ EL 6:00 p.m.—Soup Supper 7:00 p.m.—Worship <b>Bulletin Deadline</b>	<b>14</b>	<b>15</b>	<b>16</b>
<b>17</b> EL—9:00 a.m. HP—10:30 a.m.	<b>18</b>	<b>19</b>  <b>Newsletter Deadline</b>	<b>20</b> Lenten Service @ HP 6:00 p.m.—Soup Supper 7:00 p.m.—Worship <b>Bulletin Deadline</b>	<b>21</b>	<b>22</b>	<b>23</b>
<b>24 Palm Sunday</b> EL—9:00 a.m. HP—10:30 a.m.  <b>31 Easter Sunday</b> EL—9:00 a.m. HP—10:30 a.m.	<b>25</b>	<b>26</b>	<b>27</b>  <b>Bulletin Deadline</b>	<b>28</b> Maundy Thursday @ EL—7:00 p.m.	<b>29</b> HP WELCA Bake Sale  Good Friday @ HP—7:00 p.m.	<b>30</b>



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## *March 2024 Newsletter*

### HIGHLAND PRAIRIE

#### ACOLYTES/READERS/GREETERS

##### SUNDAY, MARCH 3, 2024

ACOLYTES: BENJAMIN RYAN, COLTON HORNING

READERS: BENJAMIN RYAN

GREETER:

##### SUNDAY, MARCH 10, 2024

ACOLYTES: COLTON HORNING, HUNTER LEE

READERS: COLTON HORNING

GREETER:

##### SUNDAY, MARCH 17, 2024

ACOLYTES: TAHVEN PEPIN, BRODY GELLERSEN

READERS: TAHVEN PEPIN, MARY GUDMUNDSON

GREETERS: MARY & VAL GUDMUNDSON

##### PALM SUNDAY, MARCH 24, 2024

ACOLYTES: BRODY GELLERSEN, MATHEW GUDMUNDSON

READERS: BRODY GELLERSEN, KRISTI GUDMUNDSON

GREETER: KRISTI GUDMUNDSON

##### GOOD FRIDAY, MARCH 29, 2024

ACOLYTES: MATHEW GUDMUNDSON, HUNTER LEE

READERS: MATHEW GUDMUNDSON

GREETERS:

##### EASTER SUNDAY, MARCH 31, 2024

ACOLYTES: TAHVEN PEPIN, BENJAMIN RYAN

READERS: TAHVEN PEPIN

GREETERS:

### ELSTAD

#### ACOLYTES/READERS/USHERS

##### SUNDAY, MARCH 3, 2024

ACOLYTE: GRANT DANIELS

READERS: GRAND DANIELS, GLEE CLAUSSEN

GREETERS: TOM & CAROLYN SMITH

##### SUNDAY, MARCH 10, 2024

ACOLYTE:

READERS: LORI BAKKE, VICKY TOPNESS

GREETER: ROBERT KNUTSON

##### SUNDAY, MARCH 17, 2024

ACOLYTE:

READERS: RUTH ABRAHAMSON, CAROL DIXON

GREETER: DEB & LARRY TOPNESS

##### PALM SUNDAY, MARCH 24, 2024

ACOLYTE:

READER:

GREETER:

##### MAUNDY THURSDAY, MARCH 28, 2024

ACOLYTE:

READER: MARCIA RANDALL

GREETER: NELSON FAMILY

##### EASTER SUNDAY, MARCH 31, 2024

ACOLYTE:

READER: TANYA WOLFS

GREETER: THE ARENDS FAMILY

USHERS: GENE & VICKY TOPNESS