

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

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July Worship
Schedule

Sunday, July 2, 2023

Time after Pentecost

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

Genesis 1:1-2:4a

Matthew 10:40-42

Sunday, July 9, 2023

Time after Pentecost

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

Psalms 46

Matthew 11:28-30

Sunday, July 16, 2023

Time after Pentecost

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

Isaiah 55:10-13

Matthew 13:1-9

Sunday, July 23, 2023

Time after Pentecost

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

Isaiah 44:6-8

Romans 8:19-25

Sunday, July 30, 2023

Time after Pentecost

Outdoor Parish Worship
Highland Prairie—10:30 a.m.

Romans 8:26-30, 37-39

Matthew 13:31-33

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Ask a Pastor

Welcome to the next installment of "Ask a Pastor." Please let me know if you have any questions you would like me to answer.

Why do we have weekly communion?

So admittedly this is a question I got from Highland Prairie. This question often comes with a thought that having communion so often "makes it less special" or because "we used to only have communion monthly." And it is true, throughout time, there have been a variety of practices around how often we have communion. Sometimes once a month, sometime every week, sometimes only on major festivals. Some of this change has had to do with availability of pastors. If an ordained pastor was at a church only once a month, then those churches only had communion once a month. Other times it has been a continuation of a particular church tradition.

In 1997, at the 5th Churchwide Assembly of the ELCA, the ELCA adopted a document called "The Use of the Means of Grace." This document outlines the ELCA's understanding of our sacraments and our beliefs around best practices with those sacraments. In this document, in the discussion around communion, the document states that "Holy Communion is celebrated weekly" because the "church needs the sacrament, the means by which the Church's fellowship is established and its mission as the baptized people is nourished and sustained" (Use of the Means of Grace, pg 39).

In short, in the ELCA, we have communion weekly because it is the place where we gather to remember we are a part of a community, where we are fed and nourished and where we receive the gift of an abundant and overflowing welcome. We have communion weekly because it is a reminder that there is space for all of us at God's table and that all are always welcome to receive God's grace. We have communion weekly because we all need God's grace and welcome every moment of our lives and this is one way we receive it.

Are we tied to the red hymnal or can we sing other hymns?

The short answer to this question is we are not "restricted" to the red hymnal. We can sing many other church hymns and more contemporary worship hymns so please let us know if you have particular suggestions.

The longer answer to this question is it hard to get outside of the red hymnal and find a way to get music to everybody. Both Highland Prairie and Elstad have copies of the "Evangelical Lutheran Worship" (ELW/Red hymnal) which means we can select songs from there and our organists have the accompaniment and the people in the pews have the music and words readily available. Also, the red hymnal gives a great starting point for selecting our weekly hymns, moving outside of that hymnal can get a bit overwhelming with all the possibilities so again, please let me know if you have any particular songs that you would like to sing in worship-whether from a hymnal or not-and we can try to make it happen!

That's all for this month, please let me know if you have questions you would like me answer in the future!

Prayer Corner

Scriptures tell us to pray without ceasing. Let's be known as a praying congregation. Please keep Ferne Brewster, Naomi Wangen, Lisa Bakkum, Sharon Ehler, Emily Chalebois, Julian Highum, Robert Knutson, Lyle Meldahl, Ross Boyum and all others who are ill or in need of our prayers.

**Elstad—Highland Prairie Lutheran Church Council Meetigs at Elstad
Sunday, July 9, 2023**

Highland Prairie council meeting—5:30 p.m.
Parish council meeting—6:30 p.m.
Elstad council meeting—7:30 p.m.

Where did the LWR quilts & kits go in 2021?

Lutheran World Relief has reported the following:

462,262 Quilts & Kits were received from the Lutheran women of the ELCA 220,317 Quilts... 1,650 Blankets... 94,060 Personal care kits... 90,860 School kits... 46,560 Baby care kits... 8,815 Fabric Kits... 31,950 Face Mask.

These relief items were sent to 19 countries. Lutheran World Relief is "deeply grateful to God for your faithful partnership in this ministry."

*Out of
office*

*Vacation: June 25- July 5
Continuing Education:
July 15-22*

Due to vacation and continuing education events, community office hours will be on hold for July.

**I will resume community office hours in August.
See you then!!**



You are invited to come to Highland Prairie Park on Saturday, July 22, 2023 to help Ken and Cathy Bakkum celebrate their 60th wedding anniversary anytime from 12 noon till 4pm, NO GIFTS, just your presents!!!!

Highland Prairie Financials for May 2023

YTD Income	\$ 41,052
YTD Expenses	\$ 43,535
Expenses Exceed Income	\$ 2,483
YTD Budget	\$ 44,585
YTD Income	\$ 41,052
YTD Under	\$ 3,533

Elstad Financials for May 2023

Elstad budget for May	\$7454.83
Received May	\$ 4574.00
Under May	\$ 2880.83
Elstad Budget YTD	\$ 37274.15
Received YTD	\$ 28383.00
Under YTD	\$ 8891.15

Highland Prairie Lutheran Church Council Meeting

June 11, 2023

The meeting was called to order at 11:25 a.m. by President Kyle Chiglo.

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

Devotions were given by those that shared “Bubble Moments”.

A quorum was determined, and a motion to approve the agenda as presented was made by Steve 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 \$41,052.00 expenses \$43,535.00; expenses exceeds income by \$2,483.00. A motion to approve as presented was made by Val Howe, Mike Pepin seconded. Motion carried.

President’s Report – None

Pastor’s Report – Two vacation dates coming up on July 2nd and 16th. Next week begins Mission Trip with three students.

Correspondence – None

Committee Reports:

Church – Locks were looked at, some repairs will be done to woodpecker holes in building, AED estimate was \$2160.00 to update, training to use AEDs needs to be scheduled.

Grounds – Arbivitea needs to be trimmed up and removed.

Worship –

Youth & Education – July will begin planning for 2024 National Youth Gathering in New Orleans and Sunday School survey discussed.

Old Business: None

New Business: Bowl clean-up for worship on June 25th, cement in upper shelter needs repair, Kyle will check costs.

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

A motion to adjourn with the Lord’s Prayer at 12:15 p.m. was made by Steve Howe, David Markegard seconded. Motion carried.

Respectfully submitted, Mary Gudmundson

Next Meeting is July 9th 5:30 at Elstad.

JULY 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~ Joey Stensgard
2~ Katy Laneville
~ Slade Pepin
3~ Mary Dunphy
5~ Peter Ask
~ Joshua Drinkall
6~ Richard Nepstad
~ Richard Johnson
~ Paul Peterson
7~ Beckett Hovland
~ Lincoln Bakkum -
Mohwinkel
8~ Caroline Anfinson
~ Christine Knutson
~ Braxton Rodger
9~ 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~ Marilyn Soland
~ Joan Finnegan
~ Mary Gudmundson
~ Brent Storhoff
21~ Colby Lind
22~ Ken Jacobson
~ Jerod Chiglo
~ Nolan Eide
23~ Karen Bakken
24~ Jimmy Sharpe Jr.
25~ Siri Dworschak
29~ Josie Bearbower
30~ Lee Johnson
~ Kayleigh Wangen
~ Palmer Root
31~ Susan Blagsvedt



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

JUNE 2023

Elstad ~ Highland Prairie Lutheran Parish

Visit our websites at...

elstadlutheranchurch.org

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2 EL—9:00 a.m. HP —10:30 a.m.	3	4	5 HP WELCA Bible study— 1:30 p.m. Bulletin Deadline	6	7	8
9 EL—9:00 a.m. HP —10:30 a.m. C ouncil meetings @ Elstad	10	11	12 HP WELCA Quilting/Do Day 9:00 a.m. Bulletin Deadline	13	14	15
16 EL—9:00 a.m. HP —10:30 a.m.	17	18	19 Bulletin Deadline Newsletter Deadline	20	21	22 HP park shelter/ Bakkum 12-4
23 EL—9:00 a.m. HP —10:30 a.m. 30 Outdoor Parish Worship @ HP 10:30 a.m.	24	25	26 Bulletin Deadline	27	28	29

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HIGHLAND PRAIRIE
ACOLYTES/READERS/GREETERS

SUNDAY, JULY 2, 2023

ACOLYTE: CHELLSEY OLSON

READER: STEVE HOWE

GREETERS: CHELLSEY OLSON & GIRLS

SUNDAY, JULY 9, 2023

READER: MARY GUDMUNDSON

GREETERS: KYLE & LISA CHIGLO

SUNDAY, JULY 16, 2023

ACOLYTE:

READERS:

GREETER:

SUNDAY, JULY 23, 2023

ACOLYTE:

READERS:

GREETER:

SUNDAY, JULY 30, 2023 ~ OUTDOOR PARISH WORSHIP

READER:

GREETERS: VAL & MARY GUDMUNDSON

ELSTAD
ACOLYTES/READERS/USHERS

SUNDAY, JULY 2, 2023

READERS: VICKY TOPNESS

GREETERS: GENE & VICKY TOPNESS

SUNDAY, JULY 9, 2023

READER: VICKY TOPNESS

GREETERS: CAROL FOGAL & CAROL DIXON

SUNDAY, JULY 16, 2023

ACOLYTE: THEA ARENDS

READER:

GREETERS: AMBER & ANDY ARENDS

SUNDAY, JULY 23, 2023

ACOLYTE:

READERS: TOM DYBING

GREETERS:

SUNDAY, JULY 30, 2023

OUTDOOR PARISH WORSHIP @ HP

USHERS: JOHN & CAROL OVERLAND