

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

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Worship Schedule

July 2015

Sunday, July 5

Worship at Elstad
10:00 a.m.

Sunday, July 12

Outdoor Worship at
Highland Prairie 10:00
a.m.

Vintage Base Ball

HP Council meeting 5:30
p.m. @ HP church

Sunday, July 19

Worship at Elstad
10:00 a.m.

Parish Council meeting
after worship @ EL

Sunday, July 26

Worship at Highland
Prairie
10:00 a.m.

This is the time of year for family gatherings.

In my life, we (daughters, husband, self) all met at a restaurant in Duluth last week. The three Anderson sisters (aka Ander-daughters) had spent the previous week reconnecting while canoeing in the BWCA, Mark and I had spent the two days previous relaxing on the shore of Lake Superior and finally we all were able to connect for a meal before traveling to our homes in various parts of the country. Mark and I heard about the difficulty of the portages, which had the best sleeping pad and about how many Loons were on the lakes. The Ander-daughters heard about upcoming family gatherings in Minnesota. After a brief two hours we separated; still one family, but now separated by space and also part of other families. Amalia drove off to see her fiancé in Michigan, Christa flew back to California and her classmates, Elynn left to attend the wedding of a high school classmate in the company of other classmates. Eventually she was reunited with her husband, cat and dog in Louisiana. Not one great big family, but not unattached groups of people either.

In the Rushford, Lanesboro, Peterson, Preston area there have been many graduation parties to attend. Families gathered to celebrate this major mile-stone in the life of their child and in the family. Garages that have never been cleaner are filled with food, oodles of pictures and generations of family members.

In worship this spring four children have been baptized who will all go to school together. They were born into families that are neighbors and at baptism they were born again into the family of believers. They are now part of the God's family of faith. Water was splashed on their heads, but it is God's words that made them members of God's Holy Family universal.

The next time Mark and I will be with all our darling daughters will be Christmas. At that time the five of us will be joined by a husband, fiancé and boyfriend. How do they fit into the family? Our family has reached the point in life where we can no longer be together at all family celebrations and holidays. We miss being with them at many family gatherings each year and it is OK; for them and for us, because they are celebrating and living within God's Faith Family universal. Each daughter's family will grow as God's Faith Family in Michigan, California and Louisiana welcomes her into their families and celebrations.

I think too small when I say I have three children.

We think too small when we say family is brothers, nieces, grandparents & cousins.

We, the baptized, well-loved children of God, are part of an enormous loving, nurturing, and sustaining family. Enjoy your family, lots of it this summer.

Shalom Pastor Marie

Prayer Corner

Scriptures tell us to pray without ceasing. Let's be known as a praying congregation. Please keep Allen & Kay Howe, Josh & Steve Howe, Brogan Lee, Eric Johnson, Don Anderson, Ashley Bergen, Carol Eggert, Arlan Peterson, Gunnar, Linda Wilson, Richard Lombard, Lila Jameson, Elaine Holm, Ladd Gorman and all who are ill or in need of your prayers.

Circle Meetings

HP- Tabitha Circle with meet on July 1 at 11:00 at the home of Deb Book

EL- Elizabeth circle will meet on Wednesday, July 15th at 6:30 p.m. at Park Lane in Preston

Elstad Women: Southeastern Minnesota Synodical Women's Organization Convention will be held on Saturday, September 19, 2015 at Christ Lutheran Church in Preston from 9:00 am – 4:00 pm. Please see the poster on the bulletin board at the back of the church for further details. If you are interested in going, please let Carol Overland know so that registration can be completed for you.

Office Hours

Pastor Marie spends 2-3 days each week in the church office.

Tuesday—Wednesday—Thursday 9:00am until ?

Drop-in visitors are welcome although calling first is recommended as office hours change from day to day based on meetings and visitation schedules.

Quilting at Highland Prairie

Second Wednesday of each month 9:30 a.m.
during the summer.

All are welcome!

Elstad Budget

Elstad budget for May	\$7804.83
received May	\$4617.00
Under for May	\$3187.83
YTD Budget	\$39,024.15
Received YTD	\$27,363
Under YTD	\$11,661.15

Let's Read.....

The Book of Forgiving

by Desmond Tutu & Mpho Tutu

You are invited to read and discuss a book with me this summer.

We will meet twice and you can come to either or both discussions.

Tutu is an international recognized writer and humanitarian. In this book he joins with his daughter, an Anglican Priest. Both

Women and Men are invited into the discussion.

June 30th chapters 1-5 August 18th chapters 6-10—We will meet at 7:00 p.m. at the parsonage

Highland Prairie Financials For May 2015

YTD Income	\$ 44,797
YTD Expenses	\$ 23,814
Income exc. Expenses	\$ 20,983
YTD Budget	\$ 37,292
YTD Income	\$ 44,797
YTD Over	\$ 7,505

Bridal Shower for Kallee Martins & Erik Nelson

July 11th at the Elstad Church from 10 – 12. Please join us for a fun morning celebrating this couple's upcoming wedding!



Council Meetings

Sunday, July 12th Highland Prairie council will meet at 5:30 p.m. at the HP church

Sunday, July 19th Parish council will meet after worship service at the Elstad church

Highland Prairie Council Meeting Highlights

June 14, 2015

Pastor Marie AK Anderson and President Gordon Johnson again thanked everyone for their hard work on the church, church grounds, parsonage and cemetery. Pastor Marie also had a nice Thank you letter for her Haiti trip. Pastor discussed the upcoming first communion class in the fall.

Grounds Committee - reported a possible broken water line to the cemetery. Also a welcome sign for the park was put up and looks wonderful.

Church Committee - reported that the church doors have been left unlocked and encourage anyone who unlocks the church to please lock it when you leave.

Worship Committee - will have a meeting soon.

Pastor Marie will be away for the July 12th bowl service and Daryl Thompson is interested in performing the service.

The youth and education committee would like to get vacation bible school going again.

Old Business:

The stairs landing window needs finishing still.

New Business:

A transition task force is needed to look at where the congregation is at and where we are headed; or who do we see ourselves as and how do we want to move forward.

A new plaque is needed on the marquee.

Highland Prairie Lutheran Church
Council Meeting Minutes
May 17, 2015

The meeting was called to order at 5:07 p.m. by council president Gordon Johnson.

Roll Call- all members present with the exception of Sarah Bearbower.

Others in attendance were Pastor Marie, Lisa Chiglo, Parish Secretary/Administrator and Jerry Hallum.

A quorum was called.

Devotions were given by Kay Dahl with a reading from Jeremiah 29-11.

With the correction of New Business letter sing to sign the agenda was approved, motion by Lyle second by Steve.

Pastors Report- cleaning is going well in parsonage Pastor thanked everyone for their hard work.

The March 8th secretary's report was read with a motion by Al second by David to approve, motion passed.

Treasurer's report- was given by Karen with a motion to accept as reported subject to audit; motion by Lyle second by Steve, motion passed.

President's report- Gordy thanked everyone for all their hard work at the church.

No correspondences

Committee Reports:

Church- none

Grounds- the building at bottom of bowl need some work on walls; work is in progress.

Worship- membership review report by Sarah read by Karen a copy was emailed out. Website was discussed with the question if this is something Lisa should have to do or not; she said she didn't mind but would like some help on it – since Elstad does not have her do theirs.

Youth & Education- Sunday school has been wrapped up for the summer.

Old Business:

- Balls and uniforms are needed. Kay Eiken and Al would like to purchase them and would be willing to pay for half, a motion by Lyle second by Steve to pay for the other half, motion passed.
- Committee member list is in progress.

New Business:

- Item A- guest and cemetery board member Gerry Hallum explained the cemetery ground mapping and would like access to records to update their records; motion by David, to allow Lisa to work with Cemetery board to update files without breaking any confidentiality laws. second by Lyle, motion passed.
- Item B- Deb Book and Lynnette Pederson added to Auditors lists, motion by Charles, second by Lyle, motion passed.
- Item C- get smaller letters on pergola
- Item D- change some lights to LED to see how we like them no action taken
- Item E- Hire Leigh Volkman to finish window in stairs no action taken
- Item F- HP website ideas are needed; discussed purchasing a vacuum. Lisa should get one to janitors liking no action was taken.

Motion to adjourn by Lyle second by David at 6:45 p.m. motion passed.

Submitted by Kyle Chiglo, Council secretary.

SYNOD VISIONING PROCESS AND PROGRESS

By Rev. Emily A. Carson

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“Church is the place where we find our home...where we find that we have been found by the One who knows us and loves us completely.” Presiding Bishop of the Evangelical Lutheran Church in America (ELCA), Rev. Elizabeth Eaton, shared this message as part of her videotaped address for the 2015 Southeastern Minnesota Synod Assembly.

In order to live more fully into what it means to be church together, our synod engaged in a Strategic Ministry Visioning Process over the past year. The goals of the process were to come to a shared understanding of the synod’s overall vision and priorities. Hundreds of lay and rostered leaders provided feedback along the way.

The results of the process made it clear that caring for congregations and developing leaders are the two most important priorities for the people of our synod. The following goals have now been articulated as central to our synod’s functioning:

- To develop leaders who feel supported and who are growing spiritually and are serving effectively in their contexts

- To support congregations to discern a more vibrant future

As the visioning process came to a conclusion in April, Bishop Delzer and Assistant to the Bishop, Rev. Pete Reuss, wrote a letter to congregations and leaders about our synod’s new objectives and strategies. They shared, “We are very excited about the clarity that we have as a result of this process. We feel that as these initiatives are launched we will see churches revitalized and leaders equipped for a changing world. We do all this knowing that the Holy Spirit goes before us.”

Two specific processes will be used throughout our synod in the coming years to vitalize congregations and leaders. These processes are called Living Every Day as Disciples (LEAD) and Stewardship for all Seasons (SAS). LEAD is a process seeking to grow congregational leaders with a deep, bold, consequential faith in Jesus Christ. SAS is a process seeking to provide sustainable stewardship strategies with the specific goal of increasing congregational giving between 10-15% in the first year.

To learn more the Strategic Ministry Visioning Process, LEAD, and SAS (and to apply for LEAD and SAS), utilize the following links:

<http://semnsynod.org/strategic-ministry-visioning-process>

<http://semnsynod.org/ministries/lead/>

<http://semnsynod.org/ministries/stewardship-for-all-seasons/>

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 Redalen
3~ Mary Dunphy
~ Debbie Book
4~ Gary Vust
5~ Peter Ask
~ Joshua Drinkall
6~ Richard Nepstad
~ Richard Johnson
~ Paul Peterson
7~ Beckett Hovland
8~ Glenn Peterson
~ Caroline Anfinson
~ Christine Knutson
9~ Dean Berland
~ Kyle Chiglo
~ Calvin Bergen
10~ Arlene Johnson
~ Adleigh Brisebois
11~ Allison Bauer
~ Marguerite Abrahamson
12~ Kathy Abrahamson
~ Kristi James
~ Jeremy Pederson

16~ Charles Pederson
~ Lyle Rustad
~ David Stockton
17~ Jade Grabau
~ Nicole Howe
~ Kreedon Wangen
18~ Elizabeth Abrahamson
~ Kirstin Lawstuen
19~ Shelly Nelson
~ John Knutson
20~ Marilyn Soland
~ Joan Finnegan
~ Mary Gudmundson
~ Brent Storhoff
21~ Colby Lind
~ Jackson Ingvalson
22~ Ken Jacobson
~ Karen Bakken
~ Jerod Chiglo
~ Nolan Eide
24~ Jimmy Sharpe Jr.
25~ Siri Dworschak
29~ Lori Bakke
~ Josie Bearbower
30~ Lee Johnson
~ Kayleigh Wangen
31~ Susan Blagsvedt



7~ Allan & Marion Dahl
9~ Clair & Patty Olson
20~ Kenny & Cathy
Bakkum
21~ Richard & Pamela
Johnson
22~ Trinity & Emily
Johnson
24~ Glenn & Olive Peterson
~ Adam & Jodie Daniels
28~ Charles & Karen
Mierau

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 Visit our websites at...
elstadlutheranchurch.org
highlandprairielutheranchurch.org

Sun Mon Tue Wed Thu Fri Sat

			1 HP-Tabitha circle 11 a.m. @ Deb Book's Bulletin Deadline	2	3	4 Johnson reunion- park shelter-HP
5 Worship @ EL 10:00 a.m.	6	7	8 WELCA quilting 9:30 with meeting @ 1:00 p.m.	9	10	11 Westby reunion- park shelter-HP Nelson/Martins Bridal Shower 10-12-EL
12 Outdoor Worship @ HP 10:00 a.m. Vintage Ball Game HP Council meeting @ 5:30 p.m.	13	14	15 EL- Elizabeth 6:30 p.m. @ Park Lane in Preston Bulletin Deadline Newsletter Deadline	16	17	18
19 Worship @ EL 10:00 a.m. Parish Council meeting after worship @ EL	20	21	22 Bulletin deadline	23	24	25
26 Worship @ HP 10:00 a.m. Olson reunion- fellowship hall-HP Howe reunion- park shelter-HP	27	28	29 Bulletin Deadline	30	31	

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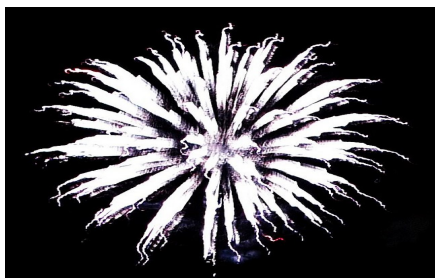
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HIGHLAND PRAIRIE ACOLYTES/READERS/GREETERS

SUNDAY, JULY 5, 2015

WORSHIP AT ELSTAD

SUNDAY, JULY 12, 2015

ACOLYTES: PAULA HOWE, HANS LIND
READERS: PAULA HOWE, ARLENE JOHNSON
GREETERS: DARYL & MICHELE THOMPSON

SUNDAY, JULY 19, 2015

WORSHIP AT ELSTAD

SUNDAY, JULY 26, 2015

ACOLYTES: HANS LIND, JENS LIND
READERS: HANS LIND, MICHELE THOMPSON
GREETERS: SHARON & PAUL EHLE

ELSTAD ACOLYTE/READER/USHERS

SUNDAY, JULY 5, 2015

READER: JOHN OVERLAND

SUNDAY, JULY 12, 2015

OUTDOOR WORSHIP AT HIGHLAND PRAIRIE

SUNDAY, JULY 19, 2015

READER: VICKY TOPNESS

SUNDAY, JULY 26, 2015

WORSHIP AT HIGHLAND PRAIRIE

USHERS: GENE TOPNESS, ROBERT KNUSTON,
RICH NEPSTAD, ADAM DANIELS, ISSAC FREESE,
JOHN KNUSTON, MIKE ASK