

Elstad ~ Highland Prairie Lutheran Parish
A Congregation of the Evangelical Lutheran Church in America
~ September 2013 ~

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*Worship
Schedule
September 2013*

**Remember Worship
Time Change**

Sunday, September 1

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

Sunday, September 8

Highland Prairie
9:00 a.m. Worship in the Bowl
~ Rally Sunday~
Elstad
10:30 a.m. Worship

Sunday, September 15

Highland Prairie
9:00 a.m. Worship
10:00 a.m. Sunday school
Elstad
9:30 a.m. Sunday school
10:30 a.m. Worship

Sunday, September 22

Highland Prairie
9:00 a.m. Worship
10:00 a.m. Sunday school
Elstad
9:30 a.m. Sunday school
10:30 a.m. Worship

Sunday, September 29

Highland Prairie
9:00 a.m. Worship
10:00 a.m. Sunday school
Elstad
9:30 a.m. Sunday school
10:30 a.m. Worship



Ponderings from the Parsonage

In her book, *Amazing Grace*, Kathleen Norris tells the story of an old guy named Arlo whose grandparents had been dirt poor immigrants, homesteading in western South Dakota. But the family did well, and Arlo and his brothers built up a large ranch of many thousands of acres. Arlo got where he was by making lots of money and spending as little as possible.

One night when he was in a talkative mood he began to talk about his grandfather who had been a deeply religious man. Grandpa's wedding present to Arlo and his bride had been a Bible. Arlo had admired that Bible because it was an expensive gift, bound in white leather with their names and the date of their wedding engraved in gold letters on the cover. "I left it in its box and it ended up in the bedroom closet," said Arlo.

"But, for months afterward, every time we saw grandpa he would ask me how I liked that Bible. The wife had written a thank you note, and we'd thanked him in person, but somehow he couldn't let it lie, he'd always ask about it." Finally, Arlo grew curious as to why the old man kept after him.

"Well," said Arlo, "the joke was on me. I finally took that Bible out of the closet and I found that grandpa had placed a twenty dollar bill at the beginning of the book of Genesis, and at the beginning of every book of the darn thing, over thirteen hundred dollars in all. And he knew I'd never find it."

Read your Bible. What you find there will make you rich in ways you never dreamed.

Pastor Dan

NEWS

& Notes

By the Grace of God

The Reverend Steven Harvey Delzer is called as the third bishop of the Southeastern Minnesota Synod of the Evangelical Lutheran Church in America. He will be installed at a festive service of Holy Communion Saturday, the seventh of September, two thousand thirteen at two o'clock in the afternoon.

St. John Lutheran Church
1301 Lincoln Avenue
Owatonna, MN

The Reverend Mark S. Hanson Presiding Bishop of the Evangelical Lutheran Church in America will preside. Your prayers and presence are requested. Reception to be held at the church immediately following the service.

Procession:

Pastors, rostered leaders, bishops, and other judicatories are invited to vest and process. The liturgical color of the day is red. Please gather to vest in the Fireside Room at 1:00 p.m.

Special Choir:

A special choir will sing at the installation. Interested participants should email Bob Tewes at retewes@smig.net. Music and recordings will be sent in advance and a rehearsal will be held the day of the service at 12:00 noon.

Directions:

St. John Lutheran Church, 1301 Lincoln Ave, Owatonna, MN

From I-35, take exit #41 Bridge Street.

Travel east on W Bridge St. 1.2 miles, take a slight jog

To the right onto Main St. and continue .7 miles.

Turn south on Lincoln Avenue. St. John Lutheran Church is approximately 1 mile.

Hotels in Owatonna:

AmericInn Hotel & Suites
245 Florence Ave
Owatonna, MN
507-455-1142

Comfort Inn
2345 43rd St NW
Owatonna, MN
507-444-0818

Country Inn & Suites by Carlson
130 Allan Ave
Owatonna, MN
507-455-9295

THRIVENT East Fillmore County Chapter

Chapter Leader Election

East Fillmore County Chapter Elections & Theater for the Thirsty
Saturday, September 14, 2013

7 p.m. at Rushford Lutheran Church

Elections for our 2014 Chapter Board will be followed by Jeremiah Gamble of Theater for the Thirsty presenting "The Rough and the Holy," an engaging and honest look at the life of Jesus, "the friend of sinners." Jeremiah and his wife Vanessa are professional actors from the Twin Cities who specialize in bringing funny, thought-provoking, and soul-stirring theater into the church. They have been creating and performing their original works for over 15 years.

Free ice cream after the show!

Tickets are only \$5, \$3 for kids and Thrivent members.

Tickets are available at the door, but reservations are recommended by calling Becky at 507-875-2344.

Walk to End Alzheimer's

Join the Helen "Leaf" Haun
Family at the

2013 Winona Walk to End
Alzheimer's

September 28th* Jaycee Shelter,
340 East Lake Park Dr., Winona, MN
9:00 a.m. Registration * 10:00 a.m.

Opening Ceremony
(507) 289-3950/ alz.org/walk



Rally Sunday

September 8th

For

Elstad &
Highland Prairie

Highland Prairie WELCA

Quilting on September 18th @ 9:30 a.m.
Potluck Lunch

Mary Circle will meet on Wednesday, September 11th 6:00 p.m. @ The Creamery

Elstad

The Esther circle will meet at the home of Diane Haight, Tuesday, September 3rd at 9:30 a.m.

The WELCA officers will have a meeting at the home of Marilyn Soland, Monday, September 9th at 7 p.m.

Elstad Elizabeth Circle will meet Monday, September 16th, 6:30 at Park Lane in Preston

There will be a quilting day (tentative) on Wednesday, Sept 18th at 10:30 a.m. at Elstad

Fillmore County Public Health

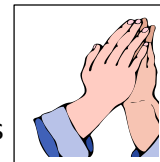
Free screening mammograms:
Gunderson-Lutheran Health System
and the Fillmore-Houston
Community Health Service are
parenting on a Susan G. Komen
grant to provide free mammography
services to underinsured or
uninsured women aged 40-65.
You may participate on
September 6, 2013.

All ladies are invited to the
Southeastern MN Synodical
Women's Convention on Saturday,
September 21 at Grace Lutheran
Church in Albert Lea. All women,
delegates and visitors alike are
invited to share this day long
celebration.

THANK YOU

Many, many thanks to all of the willing workers who have been so faithful in the cleaning of the church this year. It has had to be done and redone many times and the volunteer hours have been too many to count. The church looks beautiful both inside and out. Even the grounds have been beautifully groomed every week. Thanks are also in order for all who prepared for and participated in the Summer Music Festival in the Country. This event has taken several weeks, even months of preparation by many people, spearheaded by the council and carried out by many, many willing and faithful volunteers. What a great way to celebrate the "face-lift" at Elstad.

Elstad Prayer Partners:



Things are moving right along at a steady pace as we all look to September and autumn. This brings about a cool down which means adding a sweater or jacket for our personal comfort. For our prayer partners we can add a few more words to our prayers for their personal comfort as their season changes as well.

Illuminating the Word: The Saint John's Bible at the MN Marine Art Museum in Winona

8/6/2013 - 10/20/2013

The Saint John's Bible is a work of art and theology. A team of artists coordinated by Donald Jackson in Wales, and a team of scholars at St. John's University in Central Minnesota have brought together the ancient techniques of calligraphy and illumination with an ecumenical Christian approach to the Bible rooted in Benedictine spirituality. The result is a living document and a monumental.

Healing Adventures Camp

Ironwood Springs Ranch
7921 Co Rd 6 SW
Stewartville, MN

Saturday, September 28, 2013 -
8a.m. to 4p.m.

A free one day camp for children and teens (ages 5-18 years) who have experienced the death of a significant person in their life.

Registrations must be received by Friday, September 20, 2013. For more information, registration forms, or future camp offerings, please call (507) 284-4002 or 1-800-679-9084 or email rankin.patti@mayo.edu

Highland Prairie Council Meeting Notes

8/14/13

7:00 PM

Present – Glen, Kay, Karen, Dave, Jerry, Allen, Lyle and Pastor Dan

Devotion by Pastor Dan (a re-run)

Treasure Karen reported that our budget to date is \$50,498.00, and we have taken in \$44,454.00, leaving us \$6,044.00 short.

Pastor's report – Thanks to those who have works on facility. Recapped activities that have happen since last meeting. We have a new Bishop, Elizabeth Eaton. Gayle has her RN license. Early deadline for bulletin items Aug 20. Parish worship at Elstad on Aug 25th, none that Sunday at HP. Rally Sunday Sept 8th in the Bowl at 9:00. Baptism Sept 1 and a Wedding Sept 14th. New member Sunday at Elstad and HP Sept. 15th. Vacation Aug. 20 – 25th, Kay Wold will cover emergencies. Explanation of what went on at the Social Media class in Austin, which was attended by Pastor Dan, Lisa, Lyle and Glen. **Jerry suggested that we put this item on the agenda for our October meeting.**

Paint day planned for Sat. the 17th. A tree trimming day will be scheduled this fall. Parking lot will be repaired this fall. Thermostats will be replaced and the two in the worship area will be combined into one and the same in the lower fellowship hall.

The contract with Waste management will be changed to a new company.

Jerry mentioned that we need to coordinate the funeral procedure, and will talk to Worship committee about how to get this done.

Jerry mentioned that the existing door locks are not working correctly, and will need to find a day to remove them, take them to LaCrosse and have them repined, and then put them in that evening. Old keys will no longer work, and those folks in the congregation who need keys will need to contact the Church committee and sign one out. This will be announced in church, and needs to be included in the newsletter.

The monthly cost of electricity was discussed, it seems high, and that will be looked into.

The basement of the Parsonage leaks water during heavier rains and stay musty during the summer, making it unsuitable for storage.

There was a loose change offering for the Zion Lutheran Church that burned, \$200.00. Motion by Lyle, second by Dave to match that. Carried.

Meeting adjourned at 8:35 PM.

Highland Prairie Financials Jan.-July

YTD Income	\$44,454.00
YTD Expenses	\$58,097.00
Expenses exc. Income	\$13,643.00

YTD Budget	\$50,498.00
YTD Income	\$44,454.00
YTD Under	\$6,044.00

Elstad's July Budget

Budget for July	\$8074.17
Received July	\$5914.00
Under for July	\$2160.17

YTD budget	\$56519.19
Received YTD	\$39808.00
Under YTD	\$16711.19

SEPTEMBER BIRTHDAY'S AND ANNIVERSARIES!



- 2- Norma Halverson
 - Treyten Chiglo
 - Regan Oian-Vaust
- 4- Naomi Wangen
- 5- Aaren Dahl
 - Aubrey Wiley
- 6- Brenda Markegard
 - Shannon Rislov
 - Gabriel Becker
- 7- Gordon Johnson
 - Todd James
 - Sara Baklum
 - Sara Johnson
 - Kayla Rislov
 - Kaleb Kendhammer
- 8- Carl Lawstuen
 - Richard Koop
- 9- Maynard Rustad
 - Mark Lee
 - Anna Nelson
 - Bobbie Jo Eide
 - Trenten Chiglo
- 10- Dennis Knutson
 - John Rein
- 11- Susan Lind
 - Troy Storhoff
- 12- Curtis Wangen
 - Larissa Ryan
- 13- Timothy Johnson
 - Tonya Mensink
 - Kristina Stensgard
- 14- Kristin Overland
 - Ryan Feine

- 15- Gordon Gulbranson
 - Tyler Drinkall
- 16- Julia Jacobson
 - Lori Hundorf
- 17- Gordon Gullickson
 - Lucas Gravos
- 18- Marion Dahl
 - Hale Stensgard
 - Adalynn Quandt
- 19- Cayden Lea
- 20- Aubrey Daniels
- 21- Gabriel Dybing
 - Hailey Paulson
- 22- Lyle Meldahl
- 23- Doreen Semmen
 - Bonnie Hallum
 - Carol Dybing
 - Mitchell Paulson
 - Adam Kopperud
 - Jacob Paulson
- 24- John Overland
 - Ryan Jacobson
- 25- Jerry Kopperud
- 26- Russ Stadtmueller
 - Derek Dahl
 - Kayla Baklum
 - Jordan Markegard
- 27- Dick Lawstuen
 - Jill Quandt
- 28- Gene Wangen
 - Jamie Wiley
 - Emma Eide
- 29- Terry Blagsvedt
 - Jason Yonts
 - Mabel Thomas
- 30- Helen Rustad
 - Kendall Baklum
 - Cory Woxland
 - Erika Wangen
 - Katherine Halverson
 - Andrew Hoiness



- 4- Dave & Debbie Lawstuen
 - Charles & Sharon Ehler
 - Peter & Megan LaFleur
- 6- Marv & Carol Eggert
 - Gerrad & Amber Eide
- 9- Bruce & Anna Nelson
- 11- Brian & Sarah Paulson
- 14- William & Doreen Semmen
 - Jerry & Dorothy Evenson
 - Tom & Carol Dybing
 - Bob & Paula Brand
- 15- Mike & Norine Ask
- 16- Dick & Diane Haight
- 17- Myron & Phyllis Passow
- 23- Elvin & Marlys Paulson
 - Christopher & Ann Hoiland
- 24- Thomas & Elizabeth Benedum
- 27- Gene & Vicky Topness



An Introduction to Bishop Steven Delzer

The first of September, 2013, marks the beginning of the term for the new bishop of the Southeastern Minnesota Synod, ELCA. Rev. Steven (Steve) Delzer was elected by the Synod Assembly on June 8 on the fifth ballot (more on the process at semnsynod.org/how-do-we-elect-a-bishop).

"I am deeply humbled at being elected. My prayer is that the Spirit will guide us, so that together our eyes and ears may always be open to the ways in which we may be the body of Christ in the world," said Delzer.

At the time of election, he served as lead pastor of Our Savior's Lutheran Church, Faribault, Minn., a call that began in 2002.

His ministry in this synod has included facilitating the monthly meeting of interim pastors and conducting initial interviews of those desiring to enter candidacy for rostered ministry in the ELCA.

Our Savior's, Faribault, was the first site of a Sudanese ministry in this synod. Delzer helped their ministry develop and served as mentor to their leader, Wal Reat, as he journeyed through the TEEM (Theological Education for Emerging Ministries) program. Reat was ordained in March 2013.

Rev. Delzer previously served as an interim pastor at Zion Lutheran Church, West Union, Iowa and First Lutheran Church, Albert Lea, Minn. Prior to 2000, he served congregations of the Lutheran Church-Missouri Synod in Maryland, Missouri, and Minnesota.

He earned an Associate of Arts degree from Concordia College (now University) in St. Paul, Minn., in 1969; a Bachelor of Arts degree from Concordia Senior College (now Concordia Theological Seminary) in Fort Wayne, Ind., in 1971; and a Master of Divinity degree from Christ



Rev. Steve and Donita Delzer following Steve's election.

Seminary-Seminex in 1975.

Steve and his wife Donita live in Faribault. They have three adult children and five grandchildren.

If you have not had occasion to meet Steve as a pastor, you may have seen him running past you or out on the golf course. He believes in living a healthy life and modeling it for others. He stays active in tennis, biking, golf, and running (including seven marathons, six half-marathons, and three relay marathons over the last twelve years). Steve also nurtures his well-being through devotion time, reading, and several collegial and support groups.

Rev. Delzer has spent the summer finishing his call in Faribault and preparing for his new call as bishop. As he looks ahead to his call to bishop, he says, "I am looking forward to becoming better acquainted with the pastors and congregations of the synod, getting to know other bishops, and learning more about the wider church."

At the same time, he acknowledges the challenges of the role. He hopes to be able to do the job well and continue living a balanced life and modeling it for the rest of the synod.

How can you help as the synod prepares for this transition? He asks that members of the synod be willing to share their gifts and abilities for the good of ministry in southeastern Minnesota. Most of all, though, Delzer requests, "Pray for me." He adds, "I never would have been willing to accept this call without knowing the spirit is leading and people are praying."

About Our Synod

The Southeastern Minnesota Synod is a faith community of 124,000 baptized people in 176 congregations as well as related institutions of the Evangelical Lutheran Church in America (ELCA). Its geographic area includes 15 counties in the southeastern corner of Minnesota.

The Bridge is a monthly publication of the Southeastern Minnesota Synod, ELCA. For more information, contact the synod office:

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September 2013

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 43267 Bowl Drive Peterson, MN 55962
 507-864-2731

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
1 HP Worship @ 9 a.m. Britson Baptism Elstad Worship @ 10:30a.m.	2	3 Elstad Esther Circle @ 9:30	4	5 Bulletin Deadline @ 12 noon	6	7
8 HP @ 9am Bowl Service Elstad @ 10:30 a.m. Parish Council mtg @Elstad 7p	9 WELCA Officers mtg. @ 7p.m.	10	11 Mary Circle @ 6 p.m.	12 Bulletin Deadline @ 12 noon	13	14 Hanson/Mendell Wedding in the Bowl
15 HP @ 9a.m. SS @ 10am New Members Elstad @ 10:30 a.m. SS @ 9:30am	16	17	18 HP WELCA Quilting @ 9:30 a.m. Quilting @ Elstad 10:30 a.m.	19 Bulletin Deadline @ 12 noon	20 Newsletter Deadline @ 12 noon	21
22 HP @ 9a.m. SS @ 10a.m. Elstad @ 10:30 a.m. SS @ 9:30am	23	24	25	26 Bulletin Deadline @ 12 noon	27	28
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September Newsletter

HP Acolytes/ Readers/ Greeters

Sunday, September 1, 2013

Acolytes: Josie Bearbower, Riley Koop

Readers: Leah Jacobson, Josie Bearbower

Greeters: Allen & Kay Howe

Sunday, September 8, 2013

Acolytes: Riley Koop, Josie Bearbower

Readers: Sharon Rustad, Riley Koop

Greeters: Charles & Lynnette Pederson

Sunday, September 15, 2013

Acolytes: Nicole Blagsvedt, Courtney Nelson

Readers: David Larson, Nicole Blagsvedt

Greeters: Roger & Sarah Bearbower

Sunday, September 22, 2013

Acolytes: Courtney Nelson, Peyton Hoiness

Readers: Norma Halverson, Courtney Nelson

Greeters: Gordon & Arlene Johnson

Sunday, September 29, 2013

Acolytes: Peyton Hoiness, Chealsy Eide

Readers: Marion Dahl, Peyton Hoiness

Greeters: Sharon & Paul Ehler

Elstad Acolyte/ Reader/ Ushers

Sunday, September 1, 2013

Acolyte: Chris Freese

Reader: Glee Claussen

Sunday, September 8, 2013

Reader: Pete Holm

Sunday, September 15, 2013

Acolyte: Kody Bearbower

Reader: Marv Eggert

Sunday, September 22, 2013

Reader: John Overland

Sunday, September 29, 2013

Acolyte: Caleb Gravos

Reader: Vicky Topness

Ushers: Mike Ask, Robert Knutson, Jeff Freese, Jerry Evenson,
Wayne Finnegan, John Smith