

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

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Pastor's Page, November 2018

Box 262. That was the number of our mailbox in the days of my childhood. Each Saturday, I would accompany my father to town to get whatever was needed for house, home, and the farm. The trip always included a stop at the post office.

My father enjoyed "getting the mail." He seemed to look forward to a greeting from a family member, relative, or friend. This was always good news; news he enjoyed sharing with the rest of us. A letter was an encounter of grace, albeit in words of another.

Our God comes to us in many ways. To the ear of faith, his "letters"---his word---his good news is precious indeed. The encounter with him is a gentle knock at the door of the heart that becomes sacred and holy as one lives in his mercy, love, and kindness from day to day.

Oh....There are times when we find ourselves reading God's letters in a casual and indifferent way. There are times when we cast his letters---his words---addressed to us aside. There are times we would rather not hear from him. He is undeterred....

Our God is an indefatigable communicator. He never tires in sending us greetings of love and mercy....when we least expect it...when we don't desire or deserve it. This is what God is very good at. And this is what he does to win our hearts so that we will look for his "letters" and his word and welcome him as the bringer of joyful life and holy peace.

November Worship Schedule

+Sunday, November 4th

9:00 a.m., Elstad

10:30 a.m., Highland Prairie

***All Saints'

+Sunday, November 11th

9:00 a.m., Elstad

10:30 a.m., Highland Prairie

+Sunday, November 18th

9:00 a.m., Elstad

10:30 a.m., Highland Prairie

+Wednesday, November 21st

Thanksgiving Eve

7:00 p.m., Highland Prairie

+Sunday, November 25th

9:00 a.m., Elstad

10:30 a.m., Highland Prairie

Christ the King

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General Parish Visitation by Pr. Mathsen

Pastor Mathsen continues general parish visitation during November. Please sign up for a visit on the sheet in the narthex (HP), or in the back of the sanctuary (EL).

Confirmation Mentors Second Meeting with Confirmands

The second meeting of confirmation mentors and students will take place at Highland Prairie on **Wednesday, November 28th, at 6:30 p.m.**

A Men of the Parish Breakfast

The third in a series of men's breakfasts will occur on December 1st, at 7:30 a.m., at Highland Prairie. Intended is a time of brief devotions, prayer, and male fellowship. Sign up in the church narthex (HP) and in the back of the church (EL).

Highland Prairie/Elstad & Feed My Starving Children

On Saturday, October 6, 2018, an army of parish adults and youth packed food for the hungry at a Feed My Starving Children event in Winona. Kudos to all who participated. We thank God for your witness!

An Intergenerational Advent Preparation Activity

On Sunday, November 17th, 4:00 p.m., a parish intergenerational Advent preparation activity will be held at Elstad. Each household will have an opportunity to prepare an Advent wreath (wreath rings and artificial greens will be provided). Each household will receive an Advent calendar and an Advent devotional. In addition, everyone will be invited to enjoy a warm bowl of chili and sweets. But, please sign up so that we can order the proper amount of materials needed for the afternoon event. Sign up in the back of the sanctuary.

Parish Thanksgiving Worship

On Thanksgiving Eve, Wednesday, November 21, 7:00 p.m., a service of thanksgiving will take place at Highland Prairie. All worshippers are invited to bring non-perishable food items for the local food shelf.

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WELCA Activities for November

- EL— Sunday, November 4th, 10:00 a.m. WELCA meeting
- HP— Wednesday, November 7th, 1:30 p.m. meeting/Bible study/potluck
- HP— Wednesday, November 14th, 9:30 a.m. quilting/projects/potluck

Elstad World Hunger Month—November

ELCA world hunger reports that 800 million people in our world today are undernourished. Members of the Elstad parish are reminded that November is the second month of the calendar year to remember world hunger. Monetary donations are welcome all month either in the offering plate or handed in person to our treasure. Any November food donations will also be accepted for the county food shelf until Sunday, November 18th. Thank you for your help in making this work possible.

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Mabel Floral is offering Red & White Poinsettias for \$15.00. Signup sheet on usher's table. Deadline to order is November 18th 2018. They will be delivered by the 1st Sunday of Advent/ Cantata November 25th! Thank you!

The Family of Lorraine Fann would like to say thank you to everyone for your thoughts, prayers and kind words during this difficult time. Additional thank yous to all that prepared and help serve the meal after the funeral, Julie and Kathy for playing organ and piano for the service and to Pastor Luther for all your inspirational words and all that you do for your Church Families.

Highland Prairie Financials for September 2018

YTD Income	\$ 59,377
YTD Expenses	\$ 68,495
Expenses exc. Income	\$ 9,118
YTD Budget	\$ 69,825
YTD Income	\$ 59,377
YTD Under	\$ 10,448

Elstad budget for September 2018

September	\$ 8131.50
Received	\$ 5714.00
Under	\$ 2417.00
Elstad YTD budget	\$ 73183.50
Received YTD	\$ 48622.00
Under YTD	\$ 24561.50

Highland Prairie Council Meeting ~ October 14, 2018

- 1) Meeting called to order by Kyle @ 5:33 p.m.
- 2) Roll Call– Members present: Gordy Johnson, Karen Bakken, Nancy Rustad, Joyce Dahl, Chris Hoiland, Kyle Chiglo, Becky Halverson-Lind, Pastor Mathsen. Member absent: Mary Gudmundson and Tim Stensgard
- 3) Quorum called.
- 4) Devotions– Given by Pastor Luther.
- 5) Approval of Agenda– Kyle would like to add Sunday school, youth scholarship and the orange Sunday school chair to New Business. He would also like to add the AED machine to Old Business. Chris made a motion to approve the agenda as amended, Sarah seconded, motion carried.
- 6) Congregation members wishing to address the council– none
- 7) Treasurer’s report– Karen sent out the Treasurer’s report via email. Gordy mad a motion to approve the treasurer’s report, Chris seconded. Motion carried, subject to review and audit.
- 8) President’s report– none
- 9) Pastor’s report– Fall worship schedule is well underway and he is pleased with attendance. Confirmation is going well with great group of youth. Students will be meeting with their mentors at the end of the month. Pastor would like members who are willing to share their faith stories with the confirmands. Pastor will start a book study on the 25th of October on “The Little Way of Ruthie Lemming.” Pastor also commented on the great turn-out of parish members who attended the Feed My Starving Children work day. Congregational visits continue with shut-ins, hospitalized and other members. Information to come concerning the election of a new bishop. Pastor attended a continuing education conference in Chicago this past week, he will speak more to this at a later date.
- 10) Correspondence– Kyle shared letter received from Bishop Delzer thanking us for our gift of \$5,000 to the ELCA. Kyle shared the results of our water tests. The water test results came back with no concerns. Lutheran Campus Ministries from Winona sent a letter requesting any donation we would consider. Kyle also shared a packet from the ELCA of materials to read with regards to where gifts are directed which is to be placed in the narthex to be read at the congregations leisure.
- 11) Committee reports:
 - A) Church—none
 - B) Grounds– There is a tree along with others that need attention by the shelter.
 - C) Worship– See Pastor’s report. In addition, it was noted that All Saints Day is approaching.
 - D) Youth & Ed.– Sunday school to be covered in New Business.
- 12) Old Business:
 - A) AED Machine: An AED machine is on its way with an ever so slight increase in price. WELCA will cover the cost of this item.
 - B) Orange Sunday school chairs: There was discussion on what to do with the extra Sunday school chairs. Sarah made a motion to advertise in the bulletins, the excess big and little chair can be taken for FREE anytime before November 11, 2018, after this time chairs will be disposed of appropriately. Seconded by Joyce, motion carried. These will be located in the lower entry way.
- 13) New Business:
 - A) Water shut-off to the cemetery and bowl will be taken care of by the grounds committee.
 - B) Sunday school: Discussion was had concerning how to continue with Sunday school. There will be a meeting prior to church next Sunday (October 21, 2018).
 - C) Youth Scholarship: All feel it necessary to have guidelines and protocols for future scholarship requests. The formation of scholarship committee and feasibility will be researched. Nancy and Sarah will contact people to find out how other churches proceed.
- 14) Secretary’s report– Secretary’s report was read by Becky. Nancy made a motion to approve the secretary’s report, Sarah seconded. Motion carried.
- 15) Adjourn– Sarah made a motion to adjourn, seconded by Becky. Motion carried. Meeting adjourned at 7:15 p.m. with the Lord’s Prayer.

*Next Council Meeting: Sunday, November 11, 2018, 5:30 p.m. at Elstad Lutheran Church.

*Parking Lot Items: shelter roof

NOVEMBER 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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13~ Phil Dybing
~ Crystal Soppa
~ Ashlee Pontillo
~ Cody Ryan
~ Mason Wolfs
17~ Jerry Dahl
~ Dana DeGeorge
19~ Trina Overland
~ Adam Daniels
~ James McHan
~ Sarah Wangen
~ Katie Hackbarth
~ Daryn Eisner
~ Grant DeGeorge
20~ Melanie Przybylski
~ Kyle Lawstuen
21~ Eric Howe
22~ Kenneth Sjarpe
~ Peyton Hoiness
~ Caden Johnson
23~ Adam Overland
~ Danielle Kingsley
24~ Taylor Ask
26~ Doris Westby
~ Rebecca Lawstuen
~ Katrina James
27~ Jennifer DeGeorge
~ Emarie Jacobson
28~ Kasey Nelson
~ Sandy Thomas

Happy
Anniversary

1~ Jennifer Dahl
~ Tiffany Humble
2~ Kenny Bakkum
~ Amelia Dohlman
~ Miley Knutson
~ Kelsie Woxland
3~ Darlys Storhoff
~ Ethan Rislov
4~ Sylvia Markegard
~ Doug Lind
~ Rick Sjarpe
~ Shelly Stensgard
5~ Scott Bestul
~ Derek Grimsrud
~ William Maschka
6~ Kaye Eiken
~ Ann Dolalie
~ Andrew Larson
9~ Tim Dahl
~ Seth Humble
10~ Rebecca Lind
11~ Randy Drinkall
12~ Thora Lombard

6~ David & Cindy Howe
6~ Cory & Nicloe Woxland
23~ John & Christine
Knutson
24~ Jeff Boland & Gretchen
Engstrom
26~ Michael & Jill
Halverson
27~ Gary & Nancy Rustad

NOVEMBER 2018

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
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4 EL—9:00 a.m. SS—10:00 a.m. HP—10:30 a.m. Elstad WELCA 10:00 a.m. *set your clocks back!	5	6	7 Confirmation 6:30 p.m. HP WELCA 1:30 p.m. Bulletin Deadline	8	9	10
11 EL—9:00 a.m. SS—10:00 a.m. HP—10:30 a.m. Council Mtg. @ EL HP- 5:30 p.m. Parish—6:30 p.m. EL—7:30 p.m.	12	13	14 Confirmation 6:30 p.m. HP WELCA 9:30 a.m. Bulletin Deadline	15	16	17 Intergeneration- al Advent Activity @ EL- stad 4:00 p.m.
18 EL—9:00 a.m. SS—10:00 a.m. HP—10:30 a.m.	19 Newsletter Deadline	20	21 Thanksgiving Eve Service @ HP 7:00 p.m. Bulletin Deadline	22	23	24
25 EL—9:00 a.m. SS—10:00 a.m. HP—10:30 a.m.	26	27	28 Confirmation 6:30 p.m. w/ mentors Bulletin Deadline	29	30	

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HIGHLAND PRAIRIE
ACOLYTES/READERS/GREETERS

SUNDAY, NOVEMBER 4, 2018

ACOLYTES: CADEN JOHNSON, LARISSA RYAN
READERS: DANA DEGEORGE, ARLENE JOHNSON
GREETERS: SHARON & PAUL EHLER

SUNDAY, NOVEMBER 11, 2018

ACOLYTES: KENNA GUDMUNDSON, LINDSAY HOINESS
READERS: KRISTINA STENSGARD, BECKY LIND
GREETERS: ROGER & SARAH BEARBOWER

SUNDAY, NOVEMBER 18, 2018

ACOLYTES: CADEN JOHNSON, KRISTINA STENSGARD
READERS: NIKKI DAHLE, SHARON EHLER
GREETERS: DOUG LIND FAMILY

WEDNESDAY, NOVEMBER 21, 2018

ACOLYTES: DANA DEGEORGE, LACI SIEVERS
READERS: JENS LIND, SCOTT BESTUL
GREETERS: LYLE & ANN MELDAHL

SUNDAY, NOVEMBER 25, 2018

ACOLYTES: ANDREW HOINESS, LINDSEY HOINESS
READERS: ANDREW HOINESS, MICHELE THOMPSON
GREETERS: ALLAN SKALET & KAY EIKEN

ELSTAD
ACOLYTES/READERS/USHERS

SUNDAY, NOVEMBER 4 2018

ACOLYTE: PARKER STORHOFF
READERS: PARKER STORHOFF, TOM DYBING

SUNDAY, NOVEMBER 11, 2018

ACOLYTE: MACKENZIE KNUTSON
READERS: J.T. REIN, GENE TOPNESS

SUNDAY, NOVEMBER 18, 2018

ACOLYTE: MICHAEL REIN
READERS: ALISON FREESE, JOHN ABRAHAMSON

SUNDAY, OCTOBER 25, 2018

ACOLYTE: KYLE DANIELS
READERS: WILSON STORHOFF, LORI BAKKE

USHERS: DAVE LAWSTUEN, ROBERT KNUTSON,
MIKE CHIGLO, JOHN REIN,
ROBERT NELSON, DAVID WATSON