

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

July 2016

Sunday, July 3rd

10:00 a.m. @ Elstad

Sunday, July 10th

10:00 a.m. @ Highland Prairie

Sunday, July 17th

10:00 a.m. @ Elstad

Sunday, July 24th

*10:00 a.m. "Bowl Service"
Highland Prairie*

Sunday, July 31st

10:00 a.m. @ Elstad

2016 SYNOD ASSEMBLY SUMMARY

By Rev. Emily Carson

The 2016 Southeastern Minnesota Synod Assembly took place on May 6-7 at the Mayo Civic Center in Rochester. Voting members from congregations across the synod came together for the two-day gathering. The event's theme this year was "We are Church Together for the Sake of the World."

FRIDAY, MAY 6 HIGHLIGHTS:

The Assembly began with worship led by Bishop Steve Delzer and Dianna Parks. Friday evening concluded with a time of prayer.

Peggy Hahn, Executive Director of LEAD, shared about what it means to be a remarkable congregation.

Churchwide representative Mikka McCracken highlighted the inspiring work being done throughout the ELCA.

Rev. Dr. Jim Martin-Schramm, Professor of Religion at Luther College, spoke about the intersections of faith and climate change.

Terrence Hassanally, Chair of the synod's Development Council, shared updates on Leading Together.

Dr. Allan Bieber presented a report on the churchwide initiative "Called Forward Together in Christ."

Rev. Dr. Eric Barreto led a Bible study highlighting the Gospel of Luke which included kitchen table conversation with Rev. Hannah Bergstrom de Leon and Bishop Delzer.

SATURDAY, MAY 6 HIGHLIGHTS:

Saturday morning worship was led by Rev. Tammy Dahlvang, Rev. Corrine Haulotte, and Kelly Bergman.

Saturday morning provided participants the opportunity to choose from eight engaging workshops.

Bishop Delzer wrote a letter to the people of the Southeastern Minnesota Synod this week. It emphasizes justice and peace in all the earth. Read it by visiting <http://bit.ly/delzer62116>

Message from Pastor Marie...

Sabbath

Did you know there are restrictions for how far one can travel on Sunday? Well, technically the restrictions are for the Sabbath and were written for God's people 1000's of years ago when they lived only in Israel. People were to walk no further than 2000 cubits (a little over ½ mile) or it became work which dishonored the Sabbath Day. And we all know that we are to Remember or Honor the Sabbath Day. (*3rd commandment*)

Faithful Jews of the Old Testament times and Orthodox Jews of today identify 39* different things considered work and therefore not to be done on Sabbath; the day of worship and rest.

Protestants, like many of our ancestors who settled the Great Plains, also observed the idea of not working on the day of worship as closely as possible. For farmers like our ancestors, that meant feeding the livestock on Saturday and then laying the food needed for Sunday nearby to be able to feed the animals on Sunday with as little effort as possible. In the house it meant cooking enough on Saturday for two days and eating cold food on Sunday. In the winter it meant carrying in enough wood for the Sunday fires on Saturday. All the advance preparations and catching up necessary to avoid working on the day of worship made it a hardship and day people often resented.

God rested after a week of hard work creating the universe and blessed the day & declared it holy. (Gen 2:1-3)

With this scripture in mind, I think we can assume that God intended for our bodies, minds and spirits to take a break not work harder.

It's summer in Minnesota, enjoy God's good creation. Enjoy your work, enjoy your play. Work hard at your job, work hard playing. The Sabbath is created to enjoy and be with those you love and who love you. That means you *GET* to spend time with God who loves you and with those you love. Hopefully spending time with God is not a chore you have grown to resent.

The Sabbath is not legislated like an additional chore; it is given like a bonus. Enjoy the day/s you have off each week and the weeks you have off each year. If God could take a break so can you. To Honor/Remember the Sabbath (*3rd commandment*) is a gift not a threat. Take a Sabbath Break!

Shalom Pastor Marie

The 39 types of work not to be done on the Sabbath:

sowing, plowing, reaping, binding sheaves, threshing, winnowing, selecting, grinding, sifting, kneading, baking, shearing wool, washing wool, beating wool, dyeing wool, spinning, weaving, making two loops, weaving two threads, separating two threads, tying, untying, sewing two stitches, tearing, trapping, slaughtering, flaying, salting meat, curing hide, scraping hide, cutting hide up, writing two letters, erasing two letters, building, tearing a building down, extinguishing a fire, kindling a fire, hitting with a hammer, taking an object from the private domain to the public, or transporting an object in the public domain.

Prayer Corner

Scriptures tell us to pray without ceasing. Let's be known as a praying congregation. Please keep Eric Johnson, Ashley Bergen, Jennifer Lee, Eastyn Skala, Jim Wangen, Irma Wangen, Gordon Gulbranson, Joan Kulhman and all who are ill or in need of your prayers.

HIGHLAND PRAIRIE WELCA ACTIVITIES

Wed, July 6th 6:30pm Meeting/Bible Study (Gather Series) at church — Servers: Marlys & Sharon B.
Wed, Jul 13th 9:30am Quilting & Projects/Potluck

Parsonage 100th Anniversary Celebration

August 21 we will celebrate the 100th anniversary of the Highland Prairie and Elstad parsonage with an open house. For that celebration we are looking for photos that show the parsonage inside and out over the years. Other church-parsonage artifacts from that time period like the original floor plans or a hymn book are also being sought.

Elstad Budget for May 2016

Budget for May	\$ 7081.50
Received in May	\$ 3942.00
Under for May	\$ 3139.50
YTD Budget	\$ 35407.50
YTD Received	\$ 27853.00
YTD Under	\$ 7554.40

Highland Prairie Church Council Minutes Sunday, May 8, 2016

- A. Meeting called to order at 6:09 p.m. by Kyle Chiglo.
- B. Members present: Karen Bakken, Sarah Bearbower, Kyle Chiglo, Kay Dahl, Becky Halverson-Lind, Chris Hoiland, Steve Howe, Lyle Meldahl, Allan Skalet, Tim Stensgard. Quarom called.
- C. Other congregation members present: Pastor Marie AK Anderson, Lisa Chiglo, Kathy Bakkum, Arlene Johnson, Gordon Johnson, Sharon Ehler, Sharon Boyum.
- D. Tim motion to approve the agenda, seconded by Sarah, motion carried.
- E. Meeting began with the council being addressed by WELCA as to the painting and improvements intended to be made to the kitchen. After a discussion it was proposed that WELCA will keep the council aware of projects wanted to be done prior to doing the said work.
- F. Becky read the secretary's report; Lyle motioned to approve; seconded by Allan, motion carried.
- G. Karen went through the Treasurer's report. Motion to approve was made by Sarah and seconded by Steve. Motion carried subject to review and audit.
- H. President's report was read by Kyle.
- I. Correspondences: Synod invited all church council presidents and pastors to a meeting May 17th to discuss how to get more people to attend smaller churches. Kyle and Dick were possibly going to attend.
- J. Church:
 - A. Replace light bulbs with 2700-3000 Calvin bulbs for a more consistent warm lighting.
 - B. Possibly paint Sunday school rooms.
 - C. Possibly turn last Sunday school room on left into a History room.
- K. Grounds:
 - A. Discussed the need for a new toilet in the rest house, possibly a ramp and the ceiling need attention
- L. Worship:
 - A. Deb may begin to go through the membership review.
- M. Youth & Education:
 - A. Revisited the need for more participation.
- N. Old Business:
 - A. AED machine: Kyle is looking at applying for a grant through Gunderson Lutheran.
- O. New Business:
 - A. Grounds clean-up June 11, at 9:00 a.m.
 - B. Golf Cart Policy: Licensed council members, Pastor or Jerry Hallum. Request if available to have a driver. Keys are to be stored in the Secretary's office and I will be parked in the parsonage garage until at such time we have a pastor living in the parsonage and needs the space. Kyle will get the warranty from Jerry and check on insurance. Include contact people or council members in the bulletin.
 - C. There is to be a thank you sent to Jerry for the Carillon system and golf cart.
 - D. Dedication of the Carillon system is tentatively set for July 24, 2016.
- P. Becky mad a motion to adjourn the meeting, motion was seconded by Sarah, motion carried. Meeting adjourned at 9:17 p.m.

Respectfully submitted by Council Secretary, Rebecca Halverson-Lind.

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
~ Slade Pepin
3~ Mary Dunphy
~ Debbie Book
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 Bergin
10~ Arlene Johnson
~ Adleigh Brisebois
11~ Allison Bauer
~ Marguerite Abrahamson
12~ Kathy Abrahamson
~ Kristi Oman
~ Jeremy Pederson

13~ Kyle Bearbower
16~ Charles Pederson
~ Lyle Rustad
~ David Stockton
17~ Jade Grabau
~ Nicole Howe
~ Kreedon Wangen
18~ Elizabeth Abrahamson
~ Kristin Lawstuen
19~ Shelly Nelson
~ John Knutson
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~ Lori Bakke
~ Josie Bearbower
30~ Lee Johnson
~ Kayleigh Wangen
~ Palmer Root
31~ Susan Blagsvedt
~ Isaak Michel

*Happy
Anniversary*

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

JULY 2016

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highlandprairielutheranchurch.org

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
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3 Worship @ EL 10:00 a.m.	4	5	6 HP WELCA mtg. 6:30 p.m.	7	8	9
10 Worship @ HP 10:00 a.m. Council Mtgs. EL @ 5:30 p.m. Parish @ 7:00 HP after Parish	11	12	13 HP WELCA quilting 9:30 a.m.	14	15	16
17 Worship @ EL 10:00 a.m. HP-Mindrum Reunion Newsletter Deadline	18	19	20 Bulletin Deadline	21	22 HP-Farm Bureau Dinner	23
24 Worship @ HP 10:00 a.m. "Bowl" 31 HP- Olson Reunion	25	26	27 Bulletin Deadline	28	29	30 HP-Danielson Reunion

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HIGHLAND PRAIRIE
ACOLYTES/READERS/GREETERS

SUNDAY, JULY 10, 2016

ACOLYTES: JENS LIND, TRENTEN CHIGLO

READERS: JENS LIND, SYLVIA PASSOW

GREETERS: LYLE & ANN MELDAHL

SUNDAY, JULY 24, 2016

READERS: TRENTEN CHIGLO, SHARON EHLER

GREETERS: GORDON & ARLENE JOHNSON

ELSTAD
ACOLYTE/READER/USHERS

SUNDAY, JULY 3, 2016

READER: GENE TOPNESS

SUNDAY, JULY 17, 2016

ACOLYTE: WILSON STORHOFF

READERS: WILSON STORHOFF,
JOHN ABRAHAMSON

SUNDAY, JULY 31, 2016

READER: TOM DYBING

USHERS: JERRY EVENSON, TOM SMITH,
RICH NEPSTAD, ADAM DANIELS, ISSAC FREESE,
JOHN KNUTSON