

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

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Worship Schedule

May 2016

Sunday, May 1

8:30 a.m. Highland Prairie

9:30 a.m. Sunday school

10:30 a.m. Elstad

Sunday, May 8th

8:30 a.m. Highland Prairie

9:30 a.m. Sunday school

10:30 a.m. Elstad

Sunday, May 15th

8:30 a.m. Highland Prairie

9:30 a.m. Sunday school

10:30 a.m. Elstad

Sunday, May 22nd

8:30 a.m. Highland Prairie

9:30 a.m. Sunday school

10:30 a.m. Elstad

Sunday, May 29th

*10:00 a.m. Parish Worship
at Highland Prairie*

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, Carol Dixon, Irma Wangen, Gordon Gulbranson and all who are ill or in need of your prayers.

Parish Happening for May...

Sunday, May 1st

Elstad New Member recognition

Highland Prairie Confirmation

Sunday, May 8, 2016

Highland Prairie end of the Sunday school year with a small program during worship

Monday, May 9, 2016

Highland Prairie Council at Elstad 5:30 p.m.

Parish Council at Elstad 7:00 p.m.

Elstad Council to follow Parish meeting at Elstad

Sunday, May 29th

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

Message from Pastor Marie...

Shortly after this issue of the Elstad and Highland Prairie Newsletter arrives in your home, it will be Mother's Day. Probably that should be MOTHER'S DAY. If we put aside all the commercialism attached to Mother's Day there is still plenty of reason to celebrate. We may call it Mother's Day, but we could just as well call it Mary & Martha Day or Ester Day or Hannah Day. On Mother's Day, we Christians are honoring and celebrating the women who have nurtured us in faith using the gifts they have received from God.

We celebrate the kindergarten teachers who welcomed us into classrooms and taught us that we could love and trust more than one woman in our lives, because first we are all loved by God.

We remember the Sunday School teachers and Vacation Bible School leaders who volunteered so many hours to teach us the stories of faith and witnessed to their own faith on a weekly basis, so that we in turn could tell the stories of faith to others.

We honor the various medical professionals who could calm the fears of our parents while bringing health care to us, so that with our healthy bodies we could serve God.

We salute the fire-fighters, law-enforcement officers, driver's education instructors and soldiers who protect us and teach us how to protect ourselves so that we can in our turn care for the weak, poor, and lonely while assuring them God has never forgotten them.

We respect the instructors and professors who taught and trained us so we could raise and teach another generation of independent, strong women who would teach boys and girls that everyone is loved by God and given skills to be used in God's world.

On Mother's Day we thank all the women who have helped us become who we are, *People who know they are loved by God*, and especially the ones who gave birth to us.

Shalom Pastor Marie

Children are a gift from the Lord; they are a reward from God.~ Psalm 127:3

Teach your children to choose the right path, and when they are older, they will remain upon it.
~ Proverbs 22:6

For I am persuaded that neither death nor life, nor angels nor demons, nor things present, nor things to come, nor powers, nor height, nor depth, nor any other created thing can separate us from the love of God that is Christ Jesus our Lord! ~Romans 8:38-39

Love is patient; love is kind. Love is not jealous; is not proud; is not conceited; does not act foolishly; is not selfish; is not easily provoked to anger; keeps no record of wrongs; takes no pleasure in unrighteousness, but rejoices in the truth; love bears all things, believes all things, hopes all things, and endures all things. ~I Corinthians 13:4-7

HIGHLAND PRAIRIE WELCA ACTIVITIES FOR MAY

May 1, 8, 15, 22 - Serve Fellowship Hour after worship service

Wednesday, May 4 - Afternoon Clean Chapel, Rest House, Shelter - **5:30pm** Monthly Meeting/Bible Study (Gather Series)/Potluck Supper at church

Wednesday, May 11 9:30am Quilting/Projects/Potluck

REMINDER: Monthly meeting time change - **5:30pm** from May to October - still on the first Wednesday each month. Hopefully some of you that are working when we have afternoon meetings will be able to join us. We plan to do some spring cleaning (chapel, rest house, shelter) the day of the May meeting - anyone available to help please come earlier that afternoon.

Highland Prairie Council Meeting Highlights

Sunday, April 17, 2016

Old Business:

- * Golf Cart Donation accepted
- * Carillon System has been installed.

New Business:

- * Clean Up Day for the grounds was set for Friday, April 22 at 6:00 p.m. Saturday, April 23 at 9:00 a.m. and Sunday, April 24th after church.
- * Need to decide what to do with the old church boiler room. Fix shingles to repurpose the building or take it down? No decisions were mad as of yet. More research is needed.

Highland Prairie Financials for March 2016

YTD Income	\$ 18,086
YTD Expenses	\$ 15,154
Income exe. Expenses	\$ 2,932
YTD Budget	\$ 22,350
YTD Income	\$ 18,086
YTD Under	\$ 4,264

Elstad Financials for March 2016

Budget for March	\$ 7081.50
Received in March	\$ 6,145.00
Under for March	\$ 936.50
YTD Budget	\$ 21,244.50
YTD Received	\$19,696.00
YTD Under	\$ 1,548.50

ELSTAD WELCA APRIL MINUTES

Elstad WELCA met Sunday, April 12th at 10:00 a.m. following worship services.

President Carol Overland called our meeting to order in the name of the Father, Son and Holy Spirit. We read our Purpose of Statement.

The Secretary and Treasurer's reports were read and accepted.

There was no correspondence and no report from the Sunshine Committee.

Old Business:

Carol reported that Ryan Danielson has done some tile repair in different areas in the basement and that good work was done.

The Executive board made a decision to assist the Highland Prairie WELCA in paying for blinds for the parsonage.

A thank you was extended to Group 1 for serving the March 18th soup supper. The offering was \$225.00 and the board made a decision to done the money to Pastor Marie for the Haiti project as a gift from the Elstad WELCA.

Also thank you to the Serving Committee for the Easter breakfast.

New Business:

The spring conference will be April 25th at Greenfield Lutheran in Harmony. Registration will be \$10.00. The day will start with registration at 8:15 and will conclude with a noon lunch. Carol has registration forms. If you are interested in attending please contact Carol.

The Rhubarb Fest will be June 6th. Please have your baking to the park by 9:00 a.m. The Ways and Means committee will mark items. Baking does not have to be all rhubarb.

The Esther Circle is responsible for arranging special music from May through August.

May 3rd is our Recognition Sunday with a waffle brunch following services.

August 30th is our annual music festival. The Cedar Valley Gospel Blue Grass group from Waverly, Iowa will be providing the music. It will be followed by a potluck lunch and silent auction.

October 4th is our next WELCA meeting with Carolyn Smith and Rita Kelly serving. The Elizabeth circle will present the program.

There will be a bowl service in June, July and August.

With no further business, the meeting was adjourned.

Ruth Abrahamson presented the program for the Esther Circle. Ruth presented a lot of Easter traditions along with the significance of the Easter season.

We closed by praying the Lord's Prayer.

Respectfully Submitted, Marilyn Soland, Secretary

MAY 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~ Sawyer Wolfs
2~ James Mensink
3~ William Semmen
~ Eric Storhoff
5~ Carol Eggert
6~ JoAnne Anderson
~ Daniel Storhoff
~ Bruce Thompson
9~ Pamela Johnson
~ Adam Rislov
10~ Sean Pederson
~ Carl Anfinson
12~ Robert Dahl
~ Kiah Halverson
13~ Elaine Rygmer
~ Alexander Mierau
15~ Fred Kiel
~ Aaron Topness
17~ Loren Flattum
18~ Jennifer Stensgard
~ Kimberly Lee
19~ Martha Gudmundson
~ Yvonne Freese
20~ Mike Chiglo

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~ John Peterson
~ Clara Hoiland
22~ Nicholas Bakke
~ Jana Olson
23~ Kyle Daniels
24~ Carson Johnson
25~ Tina Westby
~ Harper Kanzy
26~ Lisa Sievers
~ Jarad Olson
27~ Jordan Kiel
~ Quentin Daniels
28~ Gavin Pearce
29~ Diane Haight
~ Bereket Rebhahn
30~ Paula Brand
~ Mike Ask
31~ Kate Gellerson
~ Nicole Woxland
~ Brody Gullerosn



3~ Brad & Rita Kelly
11~ Peter & Shelly Stensgard
14~ Fred & Sandy Kiel
15~ Wayne & Joan Finnegan
19~ Robert & Sharon Knutson
20~ Dan & Debbie Book
22~ John & Michelle Rein
27~ Stan & Cindy Sveen
31~ Douglas & Becky Lind

MAY 2016

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

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
1 HP-8:30 a.m. SS- 9:30 a.m. EL- 10:30 a.m.	2	3	4 HP-WELCA meeting 5:30 w/ potluck	5	6	7
8 HP-8:30 a.m. SS- 9:30 a.m. EL- 10:30 a.m.	9 HP- Council 5:30 @ EL Parish Council 7:00 @ EL EL Council after Parish @ EL	10	11 HP-Quilting 9:30 Bulletin Deadline	12	13	14
15 HP-8:30 a.m. SS- 9:30 a.m. EL- 10:30 a.m. Lind Recital @ HP	16	17	18 Bulletin Deadline	19 Newsletter Deadline	20	21
22 HP-8:30 a.m. SS- 9:30 a.m. EL- 10:30 a.m.	23	24	25 Bulletin Deadline	26	27	28
29 <i>Parish Worship 10:00 @ HP</i>	30	31				

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HIGHLAND PRAIRIE
ACOLYTES/READERS/GREETERS

SUNDAY, MAY 1, 2016

ACOLYTES: JENS LIND, TRENTEN CHIGLO
READERS: JENS LIND, ARLENE JOHNSON
GREETERS: DOUG LIND FAMILY

SUNDAY, MAY 8, 2016

ACOLYTES: TRENTEN CHIGLO, BRADY STENSGARD
READERS: TRENTEN CHIGLO, SYLVIA MARKEGARD
GREETERS: ROGER & SARAH BEARBOWER

SUNDAY, MAY 15, 2016

ACOLYTES: BRADY STENSGARD, PAULA HOWE
READERS: BRADY STENSGARD, BECKY LIND
GREETERS: GORDON & ARLENE JOHNSON

SUNDAY, MAY 22, 2016

ACOLYTES: PAULA HOWE, HANS LIND
READERS: PAULA HOWE, SHARON EHLEH
GREETERS: LYLE & ANN MELDAHL

SUNDAY, MAY 29, 2016

ACOLYTES: HANS LIND, JONAH SIEVERS
READERS: HANS LIND, SCOTT BESTUL
GREETERS: SHARON & PAUL EHLEH

ELSTAD
ACOLYTE/READER/USHERS

SUNDAY, MAY 1, 2016

READER: JOHN ABRAHAMSON

SUNDAY, MAY 8, 2016

READER: TOM DYBING

SUNDAY, MAY 15, 2016

ACOLYTE: WILSON STORHOFF
READERS: WILSON STORHOFF, PETER HOLM

SUNDAY, MAY 22, 2016

READER: CAROLYN SMITH

SUNDAY, MAY 29, 2016

PARISH WORSHIP @ H.P. 10:00 A.M.

USHERS: JERRY EVENSON, GENE TOPNESS, PHIL-
IP ABRAHAMSON, JOHN REIN, FRED KIEL