

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

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Elstad—Highland Prairie 160th Celebration

Please join us on August 17th at 10:30 for a “bowl service” to celebrate the 160th anniversary of the beginning of Highland Prairie Lutheran Church. The service will begin with Frieda Nowland portraying Tarkjel Landsverk’s mother. She was one of the first Norwegian pioneer women to settle on Highland Prairie. From there we will hear from some of our former pastors with greetings and words of remembrance. All these things will be mingled together with worship and thanks to God. The service will be a time of worship, memories, music and hope for the future. The Elstad choir will be offering two anthems and we hope we will have many more music selections. Elstad Lutheran Church has always been partnered with us and we applaud and appreciate their steadfast faithfulness to the common good we embrace as sister churches.

As usual, a delicious lunch will be served in the park shelter where everyone can visit and reminisce. Remember those chicken barbeques and the games of horseshoes? There will be music in the band shell and a time for everyone to tour the church and check out our “new history wall” in the fellowship room. The day will be capped off by a “vintage baseball game” between the Highland Prairie-Elstad team and a team from Lanesboro. A vintage baseball game is played using a wooden bat, a small soft ball and no gloves. The rules are a little different from today’s game. The game starts at 2:00 o’clock and will cap-off a full day of events. Please mark your calendars and join us for a day of remembrance and fun.

Please plan to be a part of celebrating and remembering our past, embracing the gifts of the present and going forth to make disciples of all people.

~Mission Jamaica 2014~

We would like to thank both Elstad & Highland Prairie Congregations for the generosity you showed for the boys of the Sunbeam Boys Home! This project truly means the world to us to be blessed enough to help those in need. We have been able to build relationships with these boys and look forward to going back again. We would also like to thank all of you who prayed for our safe travels. We would like to share our experience at the August 3rd worship service. We will be at H.P. at 8:30 and Elstad at 10:30. We look forward to sharing our experience with all who can attend.

Thank you, Tristen & Treyten Chiglo

ELSTAD NEWS

Elstad Prayer Partners

She was in the grocery store the other day getting more supplies for making pickles. 80 quarts of assorted kinds of pickles would soon be on her shelves. Did she love pickles that much? No, but her pickle loving friends were to be gifted with pickles come Christmas. What a cool idea. Come to think of it...almost any food product can be pickled. And any great pickle maker can transform the commonplace, pimply cucumber (or other food item) into something of a work of art. Pray for your prayer partner this month that her recipe for life will develop her into a work of art. She has all of the ingredients within her to become all that she was meant to be, not just something beautiful to sit on a shelf. She is a work of art and the more she uses her gifts the more lovely she becomes. What a delightful treat to our fellowship of believers.

Elstad WELCA

August will be a busy month as together we prepare for the 160th anniversary of the parish being hosted at H.P. And the annual music festival at Elstad. Food, fellowship, worship, fun and more food. Consider creating an item for the silent auction being held at the music festival. That was great fun last year and it helped our treasury a great deal. Look for food instructions for both of these events in the not too distant future. Members of the serving committee will get the word out to you.

Look for the listing of the LWR kits and other items requested for the ingathering which will be held in October this year. This listing was taken from the LWR website so it should be fully updated. We look forward to another season of thanksgiving offerings from our church. School supplies are on sale again and it pays to snap these up at the bargain prices for the school kits. Rushford and Preston both have the new family Dollar stores which should have a good inventory of items requested for the kits. We will gather again a couple of times before the end of the year.

Elstad Budget for August

Budget	7772.50
Received	6638.00
Under for August	-1760.00
YTD Budget	46,635.00
Received YTD	39,997.00
Under YTD	-6638.00

Lutheran World Relief kits

Soap

Bath sized bars (4 to 5 oz) in its original wrapping, only new bars of any brand

Baby Care Kits

Two lightweight cotton T-shirts (no Onesies)

Two long or short sleeved gowns for sleepers (without feet)

Two receiving blankets, medium weight cotton or flannel up to 52" square

Four cloth diapers, flat fold preferred

One jacket, sweater or sweatshirt with a hood, or include a baby cap

Two pairs of socks

One hand towel, dark color recommended

Two bath size bars (4 to 5 Oz) of gentle soap, in original wrapping

Two diaper pins or large safety pins

School Kits

Four 70 sheet notebooks (280-300 sheets total) of wide or college ruled paper – no loose leaf paper

One 30 centimeter ruler or a ruler with centimeters on one side and inches on the other

One pencil sharpener

One pair of blunt scissors

Five unsharpened #2 pencils with erasers; secure together with a rubber band

Five black or blue ballpoint pens (no gel ink); secure together with a rubber band

One box of 16 or 24 crayons

One 2 ½ " eraser

One sturdy backpack approximately 14" x 17: with shoulder straps (no standard backpacks)

Quilts

Completed edge 60" x 80"

Fabric Kits

Two pieces of cotton or cotton-blend fabric (no knits or 100% polyester)

Sizes: 2 1/2 yards x 60 " OR 3 yards x 44" OR 4 yards x 36"

Two spools of neutral colored, general purpose thread, 250-300 yards each

Personal Care Kits

One light weight bath towel (between 20" x 40" OR 52" x 27" dark color recommended)

Two bath sized (4 to 5 oz) soap of any brand in original wrapping

One adult sized tooth brush in original packaging

1 sturdy comb – remove packaging

One metal nail clippers (attached file optional) remove packaging

Highland Prairie Lutheran Church
Council Meeting
July 6, 2014

The meeting was **called to order** by President Gordon Johnson at 9:33 am following the worship service.

Roll Call

Present: Gordon Johnson, Deb Book, Karen Bakken, Kaye Eiken, Jerry Hallum, David Larson, Chuck Pederson, Lyle Meldahl

Absent: Sarah Bearbower, Steve Howe

A **quorum** was called.

Others in attendance: Parish Secretary Lisa Chiglo Congregation Members Kyle Chiglo, Cathy Bakkum, Julie Koop

The **agenda** was approved as presented noting there may be possible additions to new business after committee reports.

Discussion with congregation members present focused on the confirmation program. The council will survey the students, their families and the mentors currently involved in confirmation to determine if changes should be made.

Motion by Jerry, second by Lyle to have Lisa send a letter now to those currently involved in the confirmation program indicating that we will be asking for their input, followed by the survey letter when it is completed. Motion passed.

Pastor's Report

No report – Pastor Dan is on vacation.

Secretary's Report

The report from the June 8th meeting was read. Jerry said the repair of the module for the bell in the chapel is still in progress and has not been completed as reported. Correction made. Report was approved.

Treasurer's Report

Karen reported the previous month and year to date income and expenses. The reported totals include the thirteen separate funds that she monitors. She indicated that we are slightly under budget currently but the annual budget includes several big expenses that will be paid before the end of the year. The financial report was approved, is available for review and subject to audit.

OLD BUSINESS/COMMITTEE REPORTS

Grounds:

Renters have not followed conservation practices agreed on.

Log Cabin Restoration – This project is in progress and the time and cost of materials needed to complete the restoration has exceeded the estimate received. The contractor that is doing the restoration was working on it at the time of our meeting and was able to show us the areas that need more work than anticipated.

Motion by Deb, second by Lyle to pay the additional labor and material expenses. Motion passed.

Pergola Sign – Kaye has received an estimate for the lettering and has decided to save the expense and do it herself.

Rest House – Outlet and switch has been added.

Church:

Notice has been given to Waste Management that we will not renew our contract in October. There is a fee for them to remove their dumpster. Richard's Sanitation will be contacted for a second dumpster in October.

La Crosse Glass will give of us an adjusted bid using tinted glass for the window project. Kaye and the worship committee will assist Jerry with choosing a design for the etching or applique on the upper panes.

The Historian Group will meet when arrangements are made for access to records.

A third bid from Premier Elevator is the low bid received for the proposed lift.

Motion by Jerry, second by Chuck to create an Elevator Fund for designated contributions and memorials. Motion passed.

Jerry contacted the insurance company about eligibility for a discount after the steel roof was completed on the parsonage and we are already receiving the maximum discount.

Worship:

The committee met with Pastor Dan regarding the July worship services that will take place while he is on vacation. He has arranged supply pastors for all of the Sundays except July 13th which is the outdoor service. Daryl Thompson will lead that service and it was planned in the band shell. Council members objected to the band shell location because the worship service is on the schedule as a bowl service that Sunday.

Concerns have been expressed about low attendance at summer worship services and suggestion to have one parish service on Sundays during the summer has been requested by some members. This has been discussed previously with no interest by the councils to consider this.

160th anniversary celebration plans continue. Tim Olstad has been contacted about performing at the anniversary worship service. He is available but we will withdraw our invitation to him due to the \$1000 fee he would require for travel expenses from where is now living.

NEW BUSINESS

Custodian Kristi Gudmundson has given notice that she will be terminating her position at the end of July. A notice for the job opening will be placed in the bulletin.

A request for a refrigerator in the picnic shelter has been received. It had been decided previously that we will no longer have refrigerators in the shelter area. Request was denied.

A discussion was held about whether it is appropriate to have nameplates/plaques attached to donated items (usually received as memorials). This will be tabled and discussed at the annual congregational meeting to give other members an opportunity to express their views.

Information from the "Feed my Starving Children" organization has been received and team sign up is due by August 1st. *Motion by Deb, second by Jerry to contribute and participate in the October 4th event in Winona. Motion passed.*

Bowl cleanup will take place Thursday, July 10th to prepare for the July 13th Bowl service. Volunteers will also arrive early on Sunday to set up and wipe down the seating area.

No further business. *Motion by Lyle, second by David to adjourn. Motion passed.* Meeting was **adjourned** at 11:40 am.

NEXT MEETING: Sunday, August 10th following the worship service.

Submitted by Deb Book, Council Secretary

Highland Prairie Financials For June

YTD Income	\$ 48,716
YTD Expenses	\$ 44,414
Income exc. Expenses	\$ 4302
YTD Budget	\$ 48,885
YTD Income	\$ 48,716
YTD Under	\$ 469

Special Project Fund brought in \$4,010
Through June 30.

AUGUST BIRTHDAYS AND ANNIVERSARIES!

All Birthdays & Anniversaries are listed according to the information I have. If you see an error please contact me
Email: highlandprairie_elstad@gmail.com ~ Thank You!

Happy Birthday!!

1~ Alice Topness
~ Lori Smith
~ Dalton Volkman
2~ Trinity Johnson
~ Chelsea Kopperud
3~ Shannon Ingvalson
~ Tyler Schafner
~ Abigail Bacon
4~ Jodie Daniels
5~ Dale Overland
~ Larry Dahl
~ Michael Gudmundson
6~ Steven Good
~ Kayla Nelson
~ Oliver Kendhammer
7~ Ione Hallum
~ Roberto Cogley Jr.
~ Ana Kiel
~ Jens Lind
8~ Brittany Olson
9~ Denise Corrigan
10~ Gerrad Eide
~ Brady Boyum
11~ Barb Soppah
~ Shelley Berg
~ Bennett Vitse



12~ Jordan Johnson
~ Lindsay Hoiness
13~ Karen Schumacher
~ Nancy Carmen
~ Keith Halverson
14~ David Larson
~ Rhonda Good
~ Matthew Ehler
~ Amy Kelly
16~ Kenny Peterson
~ Cheryl Halverson
~ Tanya Self
~ Denise Jacobson
~ Chellsey Lind
~ Lace Sievers
17~ Erik Topness
18~ Pat Dahl
~ Daniel Lind
~ Ella Dammen
19~ Debbie Lawstuen
~ Monica Lee
~ Brianna Horning
20~ Norine Ask
~ Thea Arends
21~ Kira Nelson
24~ Sanna Pederson
~ Aimee Nelson

25~ Sander Michel
26~ Gene Topness
27~ Dagny Anderson
30~ Helen Rustad
31~ Steve Storhoff
~ Nicole Blagsvedt

Happy Anniversary!!

1~ Steven & Valarie Howe
~ Colby & Tracy Lind
2~ Allan Skalet & Kay Eiken
4~ Jeffery & Sylvia Passow
6~ Roger & Sarah Bearbower
9~ Allen & Kay Howe
~ Ryan & Leah Jacobson
14~ Steven & Rhonda Good
~ Terry & Susan Blagsvedt
16~ Daryl & Michele Thompson
19~ Paul & Janet Ryan
20~ Randy & Kathy Dahl
~ Rex & Rachel Bearbower
~ Gary & Brenda Oian-Vust
~ Tim & Jennie Stensgard
21~ dave & Brenda Markegard
24~ Keith & Ellen Shofner
26~ Abe & Tanya Wolgs
27~ Brett & Jade Grabau
29~ Jerry & Joyce Dahl
31~ Kyle & Lisa Chiglo

AUGUST 2014

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
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3 HP 8:30 a.m. EL 10:30 a.m.	4	5	6 Bulletin Deadline	7	8	9
10 HP 8:30 a.m. EL 10:30 a.m.	11	12 Newsletter Deadline	13 Bulletin Deadline	14	15	16 Elstad Wedding Nelson/Bigalk
17 BOWL SERVICE 10:30 A.M. 160 TH ANNIVERSARY CELEBRATION Storhoff Reunion Elstad Basement	18	19 Bulletin Deadline	20	21	22	23
24 Eide Reunion @ Picnic Shelter	25	26	27 Bulletin Deadline	28	29	30

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August Newsletter

Highland Prairie Acolytes/Readers/Greeters

Sunday, August 3, 2014

Acolytes: Collen Dahle, Peyton Hoiness
Readers: Collen Dahle, Arlene Johnson
Greeters: Doug Lind Family

Sunday, August 10, 2014

Acolytes: Peyton Hoiness, Chealsy Eide
Readers: Peyton Hoiness, David Larson
Greeters: Allen & Kay Howe

Sunday, August 17, 2014

Readers:
Greeters:

Sunday, August 24, 2014

Acolytes: Chealsy Eide, Riley Koop
Readers: Chealsy Eide, Scott Bestul
Greeters: Charles & Lynnette Pederson

Sunday, August 31, 2014

Acolytes: Riley Koop, Hans Lind
Readers: Riley Koop, Sharon Ehler
Greeters: Roger & Sarah Bearbower

Elstad Acolyte/Reader/Ushers

Sunday, August 3, 2014

Acolyte: Chris Freese
Reader: John Overland

Sunday, August 10, 2014

Reader: Vicky Topness

Sunday, August 17, 2014

Bowl Service w/ 160th Anniversary Celebration

Sunday, August 24, 2014

Reader: Lori Bakke

Sunday, August 31, 2014

Acolyte: Kody Bearbower
Reader: Tom dybing

Ushers: Mike Chiglo, John Overland, David Bakke,
Chase Bakke, Christopher Nelson, John Knutson