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***Elstad—Highland Prairie 160<sup>th</sup> Celebration***

Please join us on August 17<sup>th</sup> at 10:30 for a “bowl service” to celebrate the 160<sup>th</sup> 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 160<sup>th</sup> 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 8<sup>th</sup> 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 13<sup>th</sup> 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.

160<sup>th</sup> 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 1<sup>st</sup>. *Motion by Deb, second by Jerry to contribute and participate in the October 4<sup>th</sup> event in Winona. Motion passed.*

Bowl cleanup will take place Thursday, July 10<sup>th</sup> to prepare for the July 13<sup>th</sup> 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 10<sup>th</sup> 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](mailto: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 <b>Bulletin Deadline</b>	7	8	9
10 HP 8:30 a.m. EL 10:30 a.m.	11	12 <b>Newsletter Deadline</b>	13 <b>Bulletin Deadline</b>	14	15	16 Elstad Wedding Nelson/Bigalk
17 BOWL SERVICE 10:30 A.M. 160 <sup>TH</sup> ANNIVERSARY CELEBRATION  Storhoff Reunion Elstad Basement	18	19 <b>Bulletin Deadline</b>	20	21	22	23
24 Eide Reunion @ Picnic Shelter	25	26	27 <b>Bulletin Deadline</b>	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