

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

*~ May 2015 ~*

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***Worship Schedule***

***May 2015***

***Sunday, May 3***

Elstad 9:00 a.m.

Sunday school 10:00 a.m.

Highland Prairie 11:00 a.m.

***Sunday, May 10***

Elstad 9:00 a.m.

Sunday school 10:00 a.m.

Highland Prairie 11:00 a.m.

***Time Change***

***Sunday, May 17***

Elstad ~ Highland Prairie 1st  
Joint Worship of the Summer @  
Highland Prairie 10:00 a.m.

***Sunday, May 24***

Joint Worship @ Elstad  
10:00 a.m.

***Sunday, May 31***

Joint Worship @ Highland Prairie  
10:00 a.m.

**Haiti Trip Report**

We will begin our joint summer worship on May 17 at Highland Prairie with worship and a report from Pastor Marie on her recent trip to Haiti. Come, see and hear how your generosity changed lives in Haiti.

**Parsonage Open House...**

Have you ever wondered what your parsonage looks like inside?

Do you want to see if there really are seven bedrooms upstairs?

How many bathrooms do you think are in a house that big?

Are you curious to see what recent remodeling and insulating projects look like?

Next year your parsonage will be 100 years old. It is time for an open-house to celebrate the house you have maintained all these years so you pastors have a spacious beautiful place to call home.

June 14th after our joint worship service and pot-luck, but before the ball game please drop by and tour your house. It is beautiful piece of period architecture with which you, as its owners, should be familiar.

See you at the front door.

Pastor Marie

## *Prayer Corner*

*Scriptures tell us to pray without ceasing. Let's be known as a praying congregation. Please keep Allen & Kay Howe, Josh & Steve Howe, JoAnn Anderson, Mavis Dahl, Brogan Lee, Eric Johnson, Don Anderson, Ashley Bergen, Sharon Knutson, Carol Egert, Arlan Peterson, Gunnar, Linda Wilson, Richard Lombard, The family of Mavis Dahl and all who are ill or in need of your prayers.*

## **Parish Happenings in May...**

**May 3rd** recognition Sunday at Elstad

**May 10th** Elstad & Highland Prairie Sunday school's will be celebrating the end of another fun filled year of Sunday school with programs during worship. Highland Prairie will be celebrating two baptisms. Lexus Joy Volkman, daughter of Leigh & Kayla Volkman and Channing Douglas Lind, son of Colby & Tracy Lind.

**May 17th** Our first Parish worship of the summer. Highland Prairie will have recognition Sunday, along with celebrating the baptism of Cora Violet Olson, daughter of Nate & Chellsey Olson. Highland Prairie council meeting at 5:00 p.m. Parish Council meeting at 7:00 p.m. with Elstad council meeting after.

## **Pentecost**

**May 24-10AM-Elstad**

In the early Christian church, Pentecost was one of the top three important worship services each year. Pentecost held this prominent place in the worship calendar until recent centuries. This year we will be marking the arrival for the Holy Spirit as we're worshipping together at Elstad. I invite you to wear RED in honor of the Holy Spirit and come see the "surprising" ways the Holy Spirit can be at work as we worship together.

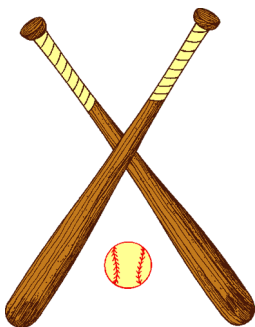
Shalom Pastor Marie

## **Elstad ~ Highland Prairie Summer Parish Worship**

As a parish we will be given the opportunity to worship more frequently together this summer!

Let's rejoice in this adventure to become more acquainted with one another. Beginning May 17th we will have joint worship services for the summer months. Our first will be held at Highland Prairie at 10:00 a.m. Along with these Parish worship services will be our "Bowl Services" followed by a lunch and special activities. Our Vintage base ball will also make a come back this summer! If you would like to play and haven't been contacted yet please call Allan Skalet (507) 951-5316. The baseball games will be 7 inning and they should take about an hour.

There will be a couple of practices scheduled at a later date.



# APRIL 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  
~ David Semmen  
~ Eric Storhoff  
5~ Carol Eggert  
6~ JoAnn Anderson  
~ Daniel Storhoff  
~ Bruce Thompson  
8~ Danielle Johnson  
9~ Pamela Johnson  
~ Adam Rislov  
10~ Sean Pederson  
~ Carl Anfinson  
12~ Robert Dahl  
~ Kiah Halverson  
13~ Elaine Rygmer  
~ Alexander Mierau  
14~ Gabriel Howe  
15~ Fred Kiel  
~ Aaron Topness

16~ Faith Eide  
17~ Loren Flattum  
18~ Sheryl Stadtmueller  
~ Jennifer Stensgard  
19~ Martha Gudmundson  
~ Yvonne Freese  
20~ Mike Chiglo  
~ John Peterson  
~ Clara Hoiland  
22~ Nicholas Bakke  
~ Jana Olson  
23~ Kyle Daniels  
24~ Carson Johnson  
25~ Myron Passow  
~ Tina Westby  
~ Harper Kanz  
~ Kyle Britson  
26~ Lisa Sievers  
~ Jarad Olson  
~ Jacob James  
27~ Jordan Kiel  
~ Ethan Bergen  
~ Quentin Daniels

28~ Gavin Pearce  
29~ Diane Haight  
~ Bereket Rebhan  
30~ Paula Brand  
~ Mike Ask  
31~ Kate Gellerson  
~ Nicole Woxland  
~ Brody Gellerson



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~ Daryl & Sharyl Bergen  
~ Stan & Cindy Sveen  
31~ Doug & Becky Lind



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## ENOUGH FOOD FOR ALL (EFFA) UPDATES

*By The Working Groups of the EFFA Initiative*

Enough Food for All (EFFA) is our Southeastern Minnesota Synod's initiative to end food insecurity in Southeastern Minnesota by 2020. We believe Jesus is the bread of life, and we take seriously his invitation to provide food and drink for those in need. Our hope is to partner with other agencies, congregations, non-profits, and religious organizations to eradicate hunger in our region. Over the past year, four different working groups have been formed to address different aspects of food insecurity. Below are updates from each of these teams.

**Healthy Food:** Ending food insecurity in this synod will take more than a Lutheran effort! With a goal of ensuring that foods abound in nutrition, this task force is partnering with the State Health Improvement Program (SHIP). Every county has a SHIP coordinator (often affiliated with Public Health offices). Providing healthy foods is a cornerstone of that program! With spring coming, congregations are utilizing resources and expertise from SHIP to start community gardens on their property. Local food shelves will soon abound in fresh produce! To find the SHIP coordinator in your area, go to <http://www.health.state.mn.us/divs/oshii/ship/communities/>.

**Building Bridges – Making Connections through Food:** Often when we think of hunger our minds think of starving children in Africa or people in the inner city of Minneapolis who struggle to put food on the table. This taskforce is working to help us see that hunger isn't only an 'over there' issue. It's right in our backyards. At the Synod Assembly posters will be provided showing the number of food insecure people

(per county) in our synod. Be sure to pick one up and display it for your congregation, then pray about ways that you can reach out to your neighbors to provide a good meal.

**Advocacy:** The mission of the Advocacy working group is to educate members of congregations of our synod about hunger and its systemic causes, and to gather advocates to counter those systemic causes. Members of our working group recently attended the Joint Religious Legislative Coalition's "Day on the Hill" in St. Paul, MN to bring concerns about poverty and working families to our state legislators. We are planning a future workshop for members of our synod to learn more about food insecurity and opportunities for action about this concern.

**Hands On:** The Hands-On working group has been busy focusing on being the conduit between the churches and the synod. We've established a need for churches to share ideas about ways to eliminate hunger on a local level. With the the help of the synod's weekly e-news, Facebook page, and the upcoming Synod Assembly, we are doing what we can to help congregations connect with one another. Over the past year we've received information and stories from 84 churches in the synod about their food ministries and how they're working to alleviate hunger in their communities. Over a dozen churches have been contacted to share unique ideas they have implemented within their churches and communities. Presently, these churches are developing videos to share at the 2015 Synod Assembly. We are looking forward to stemming other ideas off this in the future.

For more information on Enough Food for All, visit our website: <http://www.semnsynod.org/effa>

# MAY 2015

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
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3 Worship @ EL 9:00 a.m. Sunday school 10:00 a.m. Worship @ HP 11:00  EL Recognition Sunday Volkman & Lind Baptisms @ HP	4	5	6  <b>Bulletin Deadline</b>	7	8	9
10 Worship @ EL 9:00 a.m. Sunday school 10:00 a.m. Worship @ HP 11:00	11	12	13 HP WELCA do day w/ potluck  <b>Bulletin Deadline</b>	14	15	16
17 <b>Joint Worship @ HP 10:00 a.m.</b> HP Recognition Sunday Olson Baptism @ HP  Council Meetings HP @ 5:00 p.m. Parish @ 7:00 p.m. EL after Parish meeting	18	19  <b>Newsletter Deadline</b>	20  <b>Bulletin Deadline</b>	21	22	23  Gravos Graduation HP fellowship hall
24 <b>Joint Worship @ EL 10:00 a.m.</b>	25	26	27	28	29	30
31 <b>Joint worship @ HP 10:00 a.m.</b> Fellowship in Park shelter following worship			<b>Bulletin Deadline</b>			

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## *May 2015 Newsletter*

### Highland Prairie Acolytes/Readers/Greeters

#### Sunday, May 3, 2015

Acolytes: Jens Lind, Trenten Chiglo  
Readers: Jens Lind, Lynnette Pederson  
Greeters: Sharon & Paul Ehler

#### Sunday, May 10, 2015

Acolytes: Trenten Chiglo, Paula Howe  
Readers: Trenten Chiglo, Becky Lind  
Greeters: Roger & Sarah Bearbower

#### Sunday, May 17, 2015

Acolytes: Paula Howe, Hans Lind  
Readers: Paula Howe, Norma Halverson  
Greeters: Charles & Lynnette Pederson

#### Sunday, May 24, 2015

Worship @ Elstad

#### Sunday, May 31, 2015

Acolytes: Hans Lind, Jens Lind  
Readers: Hans Lind, Sharon Ehler  
Greeters: Gordon & Arlene Johnson

### Elstad Acolyte/Reader/Ushers

#### Sunday, May 3, 2015

Reader: John Abrahamson

#### Sunday, May 10, 2015

Reader: Gene Topness

#### Sunday, May 17, 2015

Worship @ Highland Prairie

#### Sunday, May 24, 2015

Reader: Tom Dybing

#### Sunday, May 31, 2015

Worship @ Highland Prairie

Ushers: Mike Ask, John Abrahamson, Tom Smith, David Bakke, Jerry Evenson, Fred Kiel