

*Elstad ~ Highland Prairie Lutheran Parish  
A Congregation of the Evangelical Lutheran Church in America  
~ April 2016 ~*

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*Worship Schedule*

*April 2016*

*Sunday, April 3rd*

*8:30 a.m. Highland Prairie*

*9:30 a.m. Sunday school*

*10:30 a.m. Elstad*

*Sunday, April 10th*

*8:30 a.m. Highland Prairie*

*9:30 a.m. Sunday school*

*10:30 a.m. Elstad*

*Sunday, April 17th*

*8:30 a.m. Highland Prairie*

*9:30 a.m. Sunday school*

*10:30 a.m. Elstad*

*Sunday, April 24th*

*8:30 a.m. Highland Prairie*

*9:30 a.m. Sunday school*

*10:30 a.m. Elstad*

***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, The Family of LeRoy Johnson, Eastyn Skala, and all who are ill or in need of your prayers.*

**Elstad—Highland Prairie Call Committee**

Sarah Bearbower

Larry Dahl

Jodie Daniels

Mary Gudmundson

Brad Hoiness

Rita Kelly

Gene Topness

Youth

Treyten Chiglo

Kjersta Lind

**Elstad World Hunger**

April is the first of two designated months when Elstad is asked to join forces to fight in the battle of world hunger. Gifts to the ELCA World Hunger support the work that gets at many root causes of hunger in the U.S. and in nearly 60 countries.

Just a few of these include help in agriculture, microloans, water wells, health clinics and education in nutrition for good health. Any contribution that you might wish to give to this global ELCA World Hunger is greatly appreciated.

Any gift, large or small, is welcome. Be sure to identify your gift so that our church treasurer can designate it to this great cause. When all churches in the ELCA work together a greater work can be accomplished. Thank you for your help.

### **Message from Pastor Marie**

As a general rule we do not like to find things empty. Finding the cookie jar, the gas tank, one's wallet, or the refrigerator empty is annoying. It means that we need to take extra time, do more work, go out of our way or lose rest to fill up the empty space.

When the three women arrived at the tomb of Jesus in the early morning hours after the Sabbath to finish anointing his body they did not expect to find the tomb empty. Taking care of their dear teacher's body was to have been the last loving task they would do for him and now the tomb was empty. This was far more than annoying. IT WAS HORRIFYING.

Who would steal his body? Why would they steal it? What were they doing to his body?

The women had come to honor Jesus life and ministry by caring for his human body and now they feared it was being desecrated by some unknown villain. And yet, as horrified as they were, they listened to the glowing strangers who suddenly appeared at Jesus' empty tomb. The men who said, *Jesus is not here, he has been raised up*. If these strangers know what they are talking about, empty is not horrifying. It is not even annoying. It is good news. In fact it is the BEST Good News ever!

We Easter People who have lived our whole lives on this side of Easter, have always know the empty tomb to be the Good News on which we stake our eternal lives. The empty tomb fills us with unconditional love, supports us in sorrow, gives words and direction when we don't know how to go forward and sends us out equipped to share the Good News of the empty tomb with a world that needs to be filled.

This Easter Season, celebrate the empty tomb and be prepared to be used, by the One who is not in the tomb, to fill empty places in the world.

Shalom Pastor Marie AK Anderson

## **HIGHLAND PRAIRIE WELCA**

### **MEATBALL DINNER AND BAKE SALE**

**Sunday, April 10 11:00 am - 1:30 pm**

Meatballs, mashed potatoes & gravy,  
glazed carrots, coleslaw,  
rolls, lefse, dessert, beverage

**Adults – \$10.00 Children 6-12 - \$5.00**

**Children 5 and under – Free**

*WELCA Members:*

*The volunteer sign-up sheet is in the dining room. Bake sale items should be brought to church on Saturday or early on Sunday morning.*

# ELSTAD—HIGHLAND PRAIRIE NEWS

Thank You!

I want to take a moment to extend my heart-felt appreciation for all of the prayers, cards and words of encouragement since my surgery in February. Several weeks have passed and I am well on the road to recovery. I am looking forward to returning to work in a couple more weeks.

Thank you all! God Bless you!

Larry Topness

Happy 100th Birthday Celebration!

Martha Ferden turns 100 on May 9th so they are planning a party for her. She loves cards and appreciates hearing from Highland Prairie.

Her address is:

Martha M Ferden  
930 Anne St NW #111  
Bemidji, MN 56601-5104

## Highland Prairie Church Council Minute Highlights

March 13, 2016

### -Old Business

- \* Committee Chairs remain as are, however, church council members on respective committees will act as contact points between council and committees.
- \* The Endowment Fund was clarified by Nancy Rustad, who is the Endowment Committee member in charge of this fund.
- \* Kyle contacted Norby's Tree Service and will be in further contact once the ground becomes more solid.
- \* The feasibility of the elevator was a topic and the fact that funding was going to be a huge factor. Topic was tabled for further discussion as to how to acquire more funding.
- \* Kyle contacted LaCrosse Glass Company in relation to repairing the window in the fellowship hall.

### -New Business

- \* Council will approve the MSP once the corrections are made.
- \* A donor has come forward with monies to purchase a carillon bell system, to play music with bells, during certain times of the day from our church.

Respectfully submitted by Highland Prairie Council Secretary, Becky Lind.

ROOT RIVER CONFERENCE

# Spring Gathering

Saturday, April 30, 2016

8:15 AM – Noon Lunch

Highland Prairie Lutheran Church

43267 Bowl Drive, Peterson, Minn. (map on back)

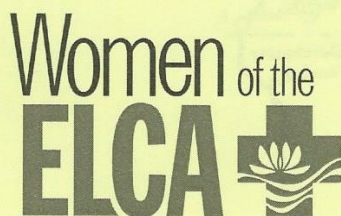
## “Glorifying GOD through our Achievements”

Ephesians 2:8

*For by grace we are saved through faith and that not of ourselves, it is a gift of God, not good works lest any man should boast.*

**Speaker: Rob Severson** *originally from Harmony, now from the Twin Cities area has written two books and will be speaking about topics from his books.*

**Registration & Coffee: 8:15 AM – 9:00 AM**



Cost \$10.00 (includes morning coffee and lunch)

Pre-registrations Due April 15, 2016

Send to: Kandace Johnson

P.O. Box 451

Harmony, MN 55939

*Registration at Door — Walk-ins are Welcome!*

# 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~ Sharon Rustad  
~ Cora Olson  
2~ Matthew Soppa  
~ JT Rein  
3~ Krisit Jacobson  
4~ James Wangen  
~ Janet Todd  
5~ Taylor Thompson  
~ Kylie Woxland  
6~ Erick Berland  
~ Waylon Colwell  
~ Chloe Peterson  
7~ Rodney Humble  
8~ Lillian Gravos  
9~ Vicky Topness  
~ Sarah Bacon  
~ Melissa Hallum  
~ Chase Bakke  
~ Colin Bakke  
10~ Jill Halverson  
~ William Book  
~ Hudson Stensgard

11~ Gary Rustad  
~ Barbara Onomija  
~ Hans Lind  
~ MaKenna Peterson  
13~ Tim Stensgard  
14~ Richard Howe  
15~ Marlys Paulson  
~ Kody Bearbower  
16~ Cindy Johnson  
~ Dawn Steffes  
17~ Darla Rislov  
18~ Leah Jacobson  
19~ Carrie Kelly  
20~ Casey Howe  
21~ Sharon Boyum  
~ Jennifer Klug  
~ Jenna Root  
22~ Tyler Chiglo  
23~ Erik Sievers  
~ Nick Wangen  
24~ Jeffery Passow  
~ Brenda Oian-Vust  
26~ Christopher Nelson  
27~ Robert Nelson  
28~ Paul Halverson  
~ Nicole Woxland  
~ Jessica Woxland  
29~ Jerry Dragvold  
~ Suzanne Mueller

~ Michael Lee  
30~ Steven Howe  
~ Elizabeth Larson



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1~ Larry & Deb Topness  
7~ John & Carol Overland  
8~ Mark & Cindy Johnson  
24~ Glenn & Sandy Thomas  
27~ Robert & Ellen  
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# APRIL 2016

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 Visit our websites at...  
[elstadlutheranchurch.org](http://elstadlutheranchurch.org)  
[highlandprairielutheranchurch.org](http://highlandprairielutheranchurch.org)

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
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3 HP-8:30 a.m. SS- 9:30 a.m. EL- 10:30 a.m. EL- WELCA 9:30 a.m. meeting before worship	4	5	6 HP-12 noon meeting/bible study @ church  <b>Bulletin Deadline</b>	7	8	9
10 HP-8:30 a.m. SS- 9:30 a.m. EL- 10:30 a.m.  HP-Meatball Dinner	11	12	13 HP-9:30 a.m. quilting/projects/potluck  <b>Bulletin Deadline</b>	14	15	16
17 HP-8:30 a.m. SS- 9:30 a.m. EL- 10:30 a.m.  HP council @ 5:00 p.m.  Piano recital at Elstad	18	19  <b>Newsletter Deadline</b>	20  <b>Bulletin Deadline</b>	21	22	23
24	25	26	27  <b>Bulletin Deadline</b>	28	29	30 Root River Conference WELCA Spring Gathering 8:30-1:00

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Peterson, MN 55962

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**HIGHLAND PRAIRIE**  
**ACOLYTES/READERS/GREETERS**

**SUNDAY, APRIL 3, 2016**

ACOLYTES: PAULA HOWE, HANS LIND  
READERS: PAULA HOWE, BECKY LIND  
GREETERS: ROGER & SARAH BEARBOWER

**SUNDAY, APRIL 10, 2016**

ACOLYTES: HANS LIND, JONAH SIEVERS  
READERS: HANS LIND, SYLVIA PASSOW  
GREETERS: GORDON & ARLENE JOHNSON

**SUNDAY, APRIL 17, 2016**

ACOLYTES: JONAH SIEVERS, HALE STENSGARD  
READERS: JONAH SIEVERS, SHARON EHLER  
GREETERS: LYLE & ANN MELDAHL

**SUNDAY, APRIL 24, 2016**

ACOLYTES: HALE STENSGARD, JENS LIND  
READERS: HALE STENSGARD, SCOTT BESTUL  
GREETERS: SHARON & PAUL EHLER

**ELSTAD**  
**ACOLYTE/READER/USHERS**

**SUNDAY, APRIL 3, 2016**

READER: VICKY TOPNESS

**SUNDAY, APRIL 10, 2016**

READER: LORI BAKKE

**SUNDAY, APRIL 17, 2016**

ACOLYTE: ALISON FREESE  
READERS: ALISON FREESE, CAROL OVERLAND

**SUNDAY, APRIL 24, 2016**

READER: GENE TOPNESS

**USHERS:** MIKE CHIGLO, DAVID BAKKE,  
DICK HAIGHT, BRAD KELLY, DAVID WATSON