

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

~ April 2015 ~

Interim Pastor, Pastor Marie AK Anderson

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Worship Schedule

April 2015

Maundy Thursday, April 2

Highland Prairie 7:00 p.m.

Good Friday, April 3, 2015

Elstad 7:00 p.m.

Sunday, April 5

Elstad

Sunrise Service 7:00 a.m.

Festival Service 9:00 a.m.

Highland Prairie

Festival Service 11:00 a.m.

Sunday, April 12

Elstad 9:00 a.m.

Sunday school 10:00 a.m.

Highland Prairie 11:00 a.m.

Sunday, April 19

Elstad 9:00 a.m.

Sunday school 10:00 a.m.

Highland Prairie 11:00 a.m.

Sunday, April 26

Elstad 9:00 a.m.

Sunday school 10:00 a.m.

Highland Prairie 11:00 a.m.

Message from Pastor Marie,

Most congregations have questions about Intentional Interim Ministry. The question most people want to ask, but are hesitant to ask is: Are you a real pastor? The answer is: Most certainly. In fact most Intentional Interim pastors have taken extra course work above their Master in Divinity degree.

Intentional Interim pastors arrive in congregations first and foremost to be the pastor during the challenging time of transition. Second, Interim pastors serve as a consultant to the congregation during the time of transition, asking lots of questions. Another task of an interim pastor is to help the congregation deal with any unfinished business and prepare to welcome a new pastor. In some congregations the interim pastor is given specific tasks or opportunities. Following is the list developed between Highland Prairie, Elstad and myself.

- Guide the process, already begun, for Highland Prairie and Elstad to become even more closely connected in worship, service, education and fellowship.
- Provide information about the local synod of the ELCA and how the synod and congregations support each other's work.
- With congregational input, look at the confirmation program in detail and make plans for the future of this education ministry.
- Share my ongoing ministry with Pastor Micohe Rock in Bouyaha Haiti with the congregations; including inviting members to participate in my upcoming trip through donations.

I commit myself to be your Intentional Interim Pastor and fulfill to the best of my God given abilities the tasks describe above. I also hope and pray we can learn from each other during this time, grow to know each other more fully and have fun while we serve God with our hands and feet.

Shalom Pastor Marie AK Anderson

Prayer Corner

Scriptures tell us to pray without ceasing. Let's be known as a praying congregation. Please keep Michele Thompson, Alysta King, Jennifer Lee, Eric Johnson, Janell Schefers, Ashley Bergen, Sharon Knutson, Carol Eggert, Josh Howe, Kalin Dahl, Don, Shannon Curran, JoAnn Anderson, Ilene Larson, The Family of Norma Bratberg, The Family of Gertie Bakkmum and all who are ill or in need of your prayers.

ELSTAD PRAYER PARTNERS

Everything is rushing, rushing, rushing. April already and this will be no different. Three months have passed with a new and exciting prayer partner to celebrate. Surely there have been many birthdays, holidays and anniversaries shared together once again. April will bring us many changes and we will see those changes in one another. Continue to pray for your prayer partner that she will find a new and enriching meaning of what it is to be Easter people. Praying for one another helps shed the burdens of the day like we shed our winter coats and breath the refreshing springtime air.

HIGHLAND PRAIRIE PRAYER CHAIN

PRAYER CHAIN: Is anyone interested in joining our group to pray for others?? We were asked to pray 35 times last year. You can join the E-mail or Telephone group. Call Arlene to join at 864-2345 or send E-mail request with your choice of how to be notified at skippy@acegroup.cc

PRAYER SHAWLS: Would you like to knit or crochet prayer shawls?? Prayer Shawls are given to every person needing prayer. Prayer shawls aren't given for repeat requests for the same person. Huge thanks to Bonnie Hallum who is our main provider along with Joyce Dahl, Marlys Paulson, Joanne Anderson, Julie Koop, & Kaye Dahl. If interested call Arlene at 864-2345 or E-mail me at skippy@acegroup.cc for more information.

World Hunger at Elstad

April is the first of two world hunger offering months at Elstad. Elstad has always been very generous to the world hunger campaign. Hardly a day passes when there is not a request from someone somewhere asking for assistance in filling the food shelves and bins and collection plates to remember the hungry. Any donations that you are willing to give to this cause can be either given directly to the church treasurer or placed in the offering plates. Be sure to make a notation on your checks or cash offering to be assured that your gift is designated to world hunger. Thank you for your assistance in this never ending need around the world.

Circle Meetings

HP- WELCA Do day/Quilting/potluck/meeting April 8th 9:30 a.m.

EL- WELCA meeting before worship Sunday, April 12th 9:30 a.m.

EL - Elizabeth Circle will meet Monday, April 13th 6:30 at Park Lane in Preston

Thrivent members: Do you know about Action Teams?

Each Thrivent benefit member is eligible to lead up to two action teams per year. As an action team leader you can coordinate an educational event, conduct a service activity, or organize a fundraiser. Thrivent will provide resources to help you plan the event, promotional items, including banners and t-shirts, and a debit card with \$250 of seed money to help cover the cost of your event. Learn more about action teams at an informational meeting of Thursday, April 23, 6:30 pm, at Bethlehem Lutheran Church, Lanesboro.

Elstad ~ Highland Prairie

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.

Highland Prairie Annual Meatball Dinner

Sunday, April 12th ~ Serving time 11 a.m. — 1:30 p.m.

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

Adults - \$9

Children 6-12 \$5

Children 5 and under FREE



BAKE SALE & RAFFLE FOR KID'S QUILT!

Elstad budget for February 2015

Budget for February	\$7804.83
Received	\$3260.00
Under	\$4544.80
Budget YTD	\$15609.66
Received YTD	\$10874.00
Under YTD	\$4635.66

Highland Prairie Financials February 2015

YTD Income	\$8,598
YTD Expenses	\$7,287
Expenses exc. income	\$1,311
YTD Budget	\$14,916
YTD Income	\$8,598
YTD Under	\$6,318

Elstad ~ Highland Prairie Lutheran Parish 2015 Staff

ELSTAD:

President- Larry Topness
V-President- Jerry Evenson
Secretary- Michelle Rein
Treasurer- Jennifer Nepstad
Trustees- Vicky Topness (16)
John Rein (17)
Jodie Daniels (18)

Board of Education:

Amber Arends (16)
Michelle Rein (17)
Carolyn Freese (18)

Board of Life & Growth:

Carolyn Smith (16) Darlys Storhoff (17)
Dorothy Evenson (18) Larry & Deb Topness (18)

Synod Assembly Voting Members:

Larry & Deb Topness

Synod Assembly Alternates:

Tom & Carolyn Smith

Head Ushers:

Mike Chiglo – Mike Ask – John Abrahamson
John Overland – Robert Knutson

World Hunger Representatives:

Philip & Ruth Abrahamson (17)

Auditors:

Tom Dybing (16) John Abrahamson (17)

Cemetery Board:

David Lawstuen (16)
Rich Nepstad (17)
Duane Bakke (18)

Highland Prairie:

President- Gordon Johnson
V-President- Sarah Bearbower
Secretary- Kyle Chiglo
Treasurer- Karen Bakken
Trustees- Lyle Meldahl (16) Steve Howe (16)
Charles Pederson (17) David Larson (17)
Allan Skalet (18) Kaye Dahl (18)

Board of Education:

Linda Bedney (16)
Kristi Gudmundson (17)
Sharon Boyum (18)

Synod Assembly Voting Members:

Lyle & Ann Meldahl

Good Shepherd Delegates:

Lynnette Pederson Nancy Rustad

Head Ushers:

Elvin Paulson
Steve Howe

Endowment Committee:

Allan Skalet Nancy Rustad (17)
Val Gudmundson Scott Bestul

Auditors:

Val Howe (16)
Lynnette Pederson (17)
Deb Book (18)

Cemetery Board:

Gerry Hallum Elvin Paulson
Glenn Peterson Robert Anfinson
Ellen Eide

ELSTAD WELCA MINUTES

FEBRUARY 22, 2015

The Elstad WELCA met Sunday morning February 22nd prior to worship services.

President Carol Overland called the meeting to order.

The officers for 2015 were installed by Kathy Abrahamson.

There was no secretary's report as it had been several months since we had a meeting.

The Treasurer's report was read and approved.

Correspondence:

Thanks you's were read from Pastor Dan and Gayle Watland, the Elmira Rosheim family and Dagny Anderson.

The Sunshine Committee reported sending cards to Mike Chiglo, Carol Eggert, Rachel Bearbower and Sharon Knutson.

Old Business:

Carol reported that there still are a few 2015 WELCA programs to be distributed. Anyone who can assist with getting them delivered would be appreciated.

New Business:

The WELCA budget for 2015 was reviewed. We did increase the Good Earth Camping contribution to \$150.00 for each attending. We budgeted for 2 to attend.

Also the confirmation campership contribution will be \$100.00.

A motion to accept the budget was made by Shelly Nelson and seconded by Kathy Abrahamson.

Questions have been raised if the choir will be singing for Easter. The choir will not be singing. Carol stated that we should in the future again have the Music Committee established. A motion was made by Vicky Topness and seconded by Lori Bakke that each circle would be responsible for arranging for music for 4 months of the year.

They were chosen alphabetically. The circles and the months are as follows:

Elizabeth Circle – January thru April

Esther Circle - May thru August

Leah Circle - September thru December

Announcements:

Our annual birthday party will be Sunday, March 8th after our 11:00 worship. Carol will arrange with Highland Prairie to change the worship times for that Sunday. We will have a potluck meal with the buns, beverages and cake provided by the officers.

The dinner will be served at noon with the program to follow. The WELCA officers will be in charge of serving.

The March 18th Lenten service will be served by Group one.

Also there is some cleaning to be done at the parsonage. Anyone who is available on Wednesday would be welcome to assist with the cleaning.

Quilting is scheduled for March 12th. As a reminder we do have 4 seniors this year.

Our next WELCA meeting will be April 12th after worship services. Our April servers will be Rachel Bearbower and Brenda Chiglo.

Our servers today are Darlys Storhoff and Marilyn Soland.

We closed our meeting by praying the Lord's Prayer.

Respectfully Submitted, Marilyn Soland, Secretary

APRIL BIRTHDAYS AND ANNIVERSARIES!

All Birthdays & Anniversaries are listed according to the information on file. If you see an error please contact....

Lisa Chiglo ~ Email: highlandprairie_elstad@ymail.com

Happy Birthday!!

1~ Sharon Rustad

2~ Matthew Soppa

~ J.T. Rein

3~ Kristi Jacobson

4~ James Wangen

~ Janet Todd

~ Alex Kopperud

5~ Taylor Thompson

~ Kylie Woxland

~ Madison Ingvalson

6~ Erick Berland

~ Waylon Colwell

~ Chloe Peterson

~ Amber Eide

7~ Rodney Humble

~ Gary Stennes

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

~ Richard Howe

15~ Phyliss Passow

~ Marlys Paulson

~ Christian Dahl

~ Kody Bearbower

16~ Cindy Johnson

~ Dawn Steffes

~ Adam Eide

17~ Darla Rislov

18~ Leah Jacobson

19~ Carrie Kelly

~ Evan Johnson

20~ Casey Howe

21~ Sharon Boyum

~ Jennifer Klug

~ Melissa McCabe

~ Jenna Root

22~ Chealsy Eide

23~ Erik Sievers

~ Nick Wangen

~ Zachary Mierau

24~ Bradley Johnson

~ Jeffery Passow

~ Brenda Oian-Vust

26~ Chris Nelson

27~ Robert Nelson

~ Jeremy Volkman

~ Matthew James

28~ Paul Halverson

~ Nicole Woxland

~ Jessica Woxland

~ Ethan Tober

29~ Jerry Dragvold

~ Suzanne Mueller

~ Michael Lee

30~ Steve Howe

~ Elizabeth Larson

Happy Anniversary!

1~ Larry & Deb Topness

7~ John & Carol Overland

8~ Mark & Cindy Johnson

17~ Delane & Patty Horning

24~ Glenn & Sandy Thomas

27~ Robert & Ellen Lawstuen



THE BRIDGE

A MONTHLY PUBLICATION FOR CONGREGATIONS OF THE SOUTHEASTERN MINNESOTA SYNOD OF THE EVANGELICAL LUTHERAN CHURCH IN AMERICA



GENERAL INFO

May 8-9, 2015
Mayo Civic Center
30 Civic Center Drive SE,
Rochester, MN

The Southeastern Minnesota Synod Assembly is a gathering of the members of our synod, some of whom have been granted the responsibility of being voting members. The assembly gathers for worship, Bible study, fellowship, and the business of the synod - budget, elections, resolutions, and reports.



FOR GOD SO LOVED THE WORLD

Southeastern Minnesota
Synod Assembly
May 8-9, 2015

KEY FEATURES

- A focus on caring for creation, ending food insecurity and John 3:16-17
- Engaging speakers
- A time to adhere to the business of the church
- Fruitful worship
- Informative workshops

REGISTRATION

- Online registration is encouraged and available at <http://www.semnsynod.org/assembly2015>
- A printable paper copy is also available and can be mailed in.

KEY SPEAKERS & LEADERS



Bishop Steven Delzer
Southeastern
Minnesota Synod
Synod Bishop



Tamela Walhof
Director of Lutheran
Advocacy-Minnesota
Assembly Speaker



Mary Minette
Director for
Environmental
Education and Advocacy
*Churchwide
Representative & Bible
Study Leader*

ADDITIONAL DETAILS

- **Who is eligible to be a voting member?** •All clergy and Associates in Ministry (AIMS) under call on the roster of the Southeastern Minnesota Synod •Lay voting members from each congregation (for the number eligible from your congregation visit <http://bitly.com/semnvote2015>) •Members of the Synod Council •All retired clergy and AIMS on the roster of the synod shall elect 10% of their number to serve as voting members. All other retired clergy shall be advisory members with voice but no vote. Retired clergy and

AIMS may not be elected as voting members of their congregation.

- **Visitors:** Anyone may register as a visitor. To receive meals and other assembly materials, the fee is the same as for voting members. No charge for observers.
- **Pre-Assembly Report and Schedule:** Available online by April 15. Each congregation is responsible for ensuring voting members have access.
- **Parking:** Maps included in Pre-Assembly Report.
- **Lodging:** A block of rooms is available at the DoubleTree in

Rochester. Call 507-281-8000 by April 18 and request a room in the block reserved for "Southeastern Minnesota Synod" to receive a special rate of \$120/room plus tax.

- **Meals:** A continental breakfast Friday and Saturday, lunch Friday and Saturday, and dinner Friday are included.
 - **Offering:** This year's offering will be split between Channel One and the ECHO Food Shelf.
- Online information:** <http://www.semnsynod.org/assembly2015>

APRIL 2015

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
			1 Bulletin Deadline	2 Maundy Thursday service @ HP 7:00 p.m.	3 Good Friday service @ EL 7:00 p.m.	4
5 Easter Sunday EL- 7:00 Sunrise Festival 9:00 a.m. HP- 11:00 Festival	6	7	8 HP- 9:30 Do day/ Quilting/potluck/ meeting Bulletin Deadline	9	10	11
12-HP Meatball Dinner EL- 9:00 a.m. SS- 10:00 a.m. HP- 11:00 a.m. EL- 9:30 WELCA	13 EL- Elizabeth circle 6:30 @ Park Lane, Preston	14	15 Bulletin Deadline	16	17	18
19 EL- 9:00 a.m. SS- 10:00 a.m. HP- 11:00 a.m. Newsletter Deadline	20	21	22 Bulletin Deadline	23	24	25
26 EL- 9:00 a.m. SS- 10:00 a.m. HP- 11:00 a.m.	27	28	29 Bulletin Deadline	30		

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April 2015

Newsletter

Highland Prairie Acolytes/Readers/Greeters

Maundy Thursday, April 2, 2015

Acolytes: Hans Lind, Jens Lind
Readers: Hans Lind, Sharon Ehler
Greeters: Lyle & Ann Meldahl

Easter Sunday, April 5, 2015

Acolytes: Trenten Chiglo, Brady Stensgard
Readers: Trenten Chiglo, David Larson
Greeters: Sharon & Paul Ehler

Sunday, April 12, 2015

Acolytes: Brady Stensgard, Paula Howe
Readers: Brady Stensgard, Arlene Johnson
Greeters: Charles & Lynnette Pederson

Sunday, April 19, 2015

Acolytes: Paula Howe, Hans Lind
Readers: Paula Howe, Lynnette Pederson
Greeters: Gordon & Arlene Johnson

Sunday, April 26, 2015

Acolytes: Hans Lind, Jens Lind
Readers: Hans Lind, Sylvia Markegard
Greeters: Roger & Sarah Bearbower

Elstad Acolyte/Reader/Ushers

Good Friday, April 3, 2015

Reader: Gene Topness

Easter Sunday, April 5 - Sunrise 7:00 a.m.

Reader: Carolyn Smith

Festival Service — 9:00 a.m.

Reader: Lori Bakke

Sunday, April 12, 2015

Reader: Vicky Topness

Sunday, April 19, 2015

Reader: Peter Holm

Sunday, April 26, 2015

Reader: John Overland

Ushers: Mike Chiglo, Robert Knutson, Dick Haight,
Brad Kelly, Gene Topness, David Watson