

*Elstad ~ Highland Prairie Lutheran Parish*  
*A Congregation of the Evangelical Lutheran Church in America*  
*~ March 2015 ~*

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***Worship Schedule***

***March 2015***

***Sunday, March 1***

Elstad 9:00 a.m.

Sunday school 10:00 a.m.

Highland Prairie 11:00 a.m.

***Wednesday, March 4***

Lenten Service @ EL. 6:30 meal  
begin worship @ 7:00

***Sunday, March 8***

Elstad 11:00 a.m.

Sunday school 10:00 a.m.

Highland Prairie 9:00 a.m.

***Wednesday, March 11***

Lenten Service @ HP 6:30 meal  
begin worship @ 7:00

***Sunday, February 15***

Elstad 9:00 a.m.

Sunday school 10:00 a.m.

Highland Prairie 11:00 a.m.

***Wednesday, March 18***

Lenten Service @ EL. 6:30 meal  
begin worship @ 7:00

***Sunday, March 22***

Elstad 9:00 a.m.

Sunday school 10:00 a.m.

Highland Prairie 11:00 a.m.

***Wednesday, March 25***

Lenten Service @ HP 6:30 meal  
begin worship @ 7:00

***Sunday, March 29***

Elstad 9:00 a.m.

Sunday school 10:00 a.m.

Highland Prairie 11:00 a.m.

Getting to know Pastor Marie AK Anderson

Pastor Marie grew up on a farm and attended a rural Lutheran church. She went to school in Stewartville and graduated from UW Menomonie-Stout with degrees in business and design. When she was 40 God called her into ministry. For the next five + years she commuted from Oronoco to St .Paul for seminary. Before entering seminary, Pastor Marie volunteered in various positions in the congregations to which she belonged including; altar guild, education, worship leadership, music, WELCA, long and short range planning and decorating. Before entering into the specialized ministry— Interim Ministry, Pastor Marie served nearly 10 years in traditional— settled ministry in Kasson Minnesota.

Pastor Marie is part of a ministry in Haiti. It is clear when you hear her speak, what passion she has for this ministry. She will be returning to Haiti right after Easter this year. She has promised to share more about her upcoming trip very soon, so that we can be part of this vital ministry too.

Pastor Marie had been married to Mark for 35 years and they have three grown daughters. Amalia and her fiancé Doug Banyai both live and work in Houghton, Michigan. Christa recently moved from Washington DC to Palo Alto, California to continue her education. Elynn and her husband Tyler Horn live and work in the Baton Rouge, Louisiana area. Given the opportunity Pastor Marie will tell you a lot more about her daughters.

In the contract made between Pastor Marie and our two congregations we have listed a few concerns to address in the coming months. Education programs-especially confirmation, strengthening the relationship between the synod and our congregations while learning more about the synod and continuing to strength the already firm relationship between our two congregations. You will hear more about these in the months after Lent and Easter.

Highland Prairie Council President Gordon Johnson

Elstad Council President Larry Topness

## Worship Patterns for Lent 2015

# The Trials of Jesus

*The trials of Jesus will be the theme for Ash Wednesday, Sundays and Holy week worship.*

*A series of Witnesses will come forward to give testimony about their experiences with the accused—Jesus Christ. Through their accounts we will come to know the truth;*

*Jesus came to take our place in the defendant's chair.*

2-18-2015	Ash Wednesday	The Voice of Satan	<i>Jesus faces the tempter in the wilderness</i>
2-22-2015	1st Sunday Lent	The Voice of Judas	<i>Jesus' betrayer defends his actions</i>
3-1-2015	2nd Sunday Lent	The Voice of Anna's	<i>A chief priest discusses Jesus' arrest</i>
3-8-2015	3rd Sunday Lent	The Voice of Caiaphas	<i>The high priest faces off with the Son of God</i>
3-15-2015	4th Sunday Lent	The Voice of Peter	<i>Jesus' bold disciple speaks of his weak faith</i>
3-22-2015	5th Sunday Lent	The Voice of Herod	<i>One king of the Jews testifies against another</i>
3-29-2015	Palm Sunday	The Voices in the Temple	<i>Jesus' authority is tested and recognized</i>
4-2-2015	Maundy Thursday	The Voice of Pilate	<i>The judge speaks</i>
4-3-2015	Good Friday	The Voice of Innocence	<i>A voice of truth speaks to Jesus' innocenc</i>
4-5-2015	Easter Sunday	The Voice of the Tomb	<i>A testimony about death love and life</i>

## Worship Patterns for Lent 2015

# Soup & Worship

*We will gather for a community meal of soup and worship in the fellowship hall.*

*A meal prayer will be offered promptly at 6:30 pm and dinner will be served.*

*At 7:00 pm, still sitting around tables, we will begin worship.*

*Using prayer, scripture and song we will enter into the Lenten discipline of penance, repentance and almsgiving as we use the hymn*

***Beneath the Cross of Jesus to guide our time together.***

2-25-2015 1<sup>st</sup> Week of Lent: Beneath the cross of Jesus I long to take my stand

*As he faced death, Jesus tried to prepare his disciples for what was to come.*

3-4-2015 2<sup>nd</sup> Week of Lent: The shadow of a mighty rock within a weary land

*God alone is our rock and our salvation.*

3-11-2015 3<sup>rd</sup> Week of Lent: A home within a wilderness, a rest upon the way

*Wherever our earthly homes lay, our true dwelling place remains with God.*

3-18-2015 4<sup>th</sup> Week of Lent: From my contrite heart, with tears

*From the depths of our hearts we cry to God, confessing our sins.*

3-25-2015 5<sup>th</sup> Week of Lent: I take, O cross, your shadow for my abiding place

*Jesus calls us to take up our cross and follow him into the world.*

## *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, Fred Kiel, Sharon Knutson, Eric Johnson, Carol Eggert, Josh Howe, Kalin Dahl, Gordon Johnson, Janet Ryan, Don and all who are ill or in need of your prayers.*

### MARK YOUR CALENDARS

Sunday, March 8<sup>th</sup> is Elstad's annual "All-Church Birthday Party". At 12:00 noon, we will have a pot luck lunch, served by the WELCA officers, with birthday cake being provided, followed by a wonderful program including our own Elstad Bell Choir ! You won't want to miss it!

### Elstad budget for January

	7804.83
Received	7714.00
Under for January	90.83

### Highland Prairie Quilting for March

March 11th & March 25th

Please join us around 9 am with a pot luck lunch




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### Quilting @ Elstad

March 12th @ 12 noon

### Highland Prairie Financials January 2015

Income	\$4,065
YTD Expenses	\$5,177
Expenses exc. income	\$ 1,112
YTD Budget	\$7,458
YTD Income*	\$4,065
YTD Under*	\$3,393

### Open House For Robert & Ellen Lawstuen

Please help us celebrate the birthday's of Robert (90) & Ellen (85)

Sunday, March 8th, 2015 1:00- 4:00 p.m. Lanesboro Community Center

### Elstad ~ Highland Prairie Worship Schedule 2015

Spring Block 2 March-April-May

Elstad Worship 9:00 a.m.    Sunday School 10:00 a.m.    Highland Prairie 11:00 a.m.

#### Lent Service Schedule

March 4th    Lent Service at Elstad 7:00 p.m. (soup supper 6:30)

March 11th    Lent Service at HP 7:00 p.m. (soup supper 6:30)

March 18th    Lent Service at Elstad 7:00 p.m. (soup supper 6:30)

March 25th    Lent Service at HP 7:00 p.m. (soup supper 6:30)

April 2nd    Maundy Thursday 7:00 p.m. @ Highland Prairie

April 3rd    Good Friday 7:00 p.m. @ Elstad

April 5th    Sunrise Service @ Elstad 7:00 a.m.                  Festival Service @ Elstad 9:00 a.m.

April 5th    Festival Service @ HP 11:00 a.m.

**Highland Prairie Lutheran Church Council Meeting  
February 8, 2015**

The meeting was **called to order** at 5:35 p.m. by council president Gordon Johnson.

**Roll Call:** All council members were present

Other **members in attendance:** Sharon Boyum and Lisa Chiglo, Parish Secretary/Administrator

A **quorum** was called

**Devotions** were given by Steve Howe with a reading from the book of Acts.

**Members** wishing to address the council – none

With the addition of the Council as Leaders meeting in Owatonna a motion by Lyle second by Sarah the Agenda was approved.

**Pastor's Report-** none

January 11<sup>th</sup> **Secretary's report** was read with a motion to approve by Sarah second by Al. Motion passed.

January 18<sup>th</sup> Special meeting **Secretary Report** was read with a motion to approve by Lyle, second by Steve. Motion passed.

**Treasurer's Report-** was given by Karen with a review of January income and expenses also a report on EFT (electronic funds transfer) stating that if the church sets it up it will be expensive but if the individual sets it up with their own account the fee would be less; motion to accept as reported subject to audit, by Sarah second by Lyle motion passed. The report is available for review and subject to audit.

**President's Report-** Gordon discussed the church cancelation protocol due to inclement weather and the upcoming installation of Pastor Marie AK Anderson.

**Committee Reports:**

**Church-** Pastor Marie would like to be able to lock her office.

**Grounds-** logging has not begun yet. Kyle talked to the loggers and they thought within the week.

**Worship-** Sarah read Deb Book's report on membership review which will be ongoing.

**Youth & Education-** Sharon Boyum reported a need to set up a confirmation program.

**Parsonage-** needs cleaning and painting. Need to form a parsonage committee with Elstad. Two of the three locks installed. Sharon Boyum will ask the WELCA women if they would be interested in cleaning the parsonage.

**New Business:**

**Endowment Fund-** motion by Lyle second by Steve to have Scott Bestul fill in for Paula Brand, motion passed.

**Church 40-** motion by Charles second by Lyle to give David Larson the power and right to sign FSA documents on behalf of the Highland Prairie Lutheran Church.

**Devotions-** Parish meeting devotions are read by a council member from the church where the meeting is not being held.

**Ball Field Improvements-** open up the outfield fence in a couple of spots to ease retrieval of balls hit over fence and remove iron in ground near first base.

**Confirmation-** discussed under Youth and Education

Motion to **adjourn** at 7:05 p.m. by Charles, second by David, motion carried.

# MARCH 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!!

2~ Sharon Knutson

~ Mark Johnson

3~ Kristoffer Gudmundson

~ Rebecca Wangen

~ Gavin Wangen

4~ Tanya Wolfs

~ Jeremy Berge

6~ Trayton Wangen

8~ Aaron Dybing

~ Timothy Knutson

~ Isaac Freese

~ Norah Eide

9~ Philip Abrahamson

~ Miriah Mierau

~ Britney Fretland

~ Mathew Gudmundson

12~ Jerry Evenson

~ Mitch Lee

13~ Mary McHan

~ Brian Paulson

~ Tyler Dahl

~ Hilary Eide

14~ Ellen Shofner



16~ Duane Bakke

17~ Mavis Dahl

~ Daryl Bergen

~ Caryn Butler

~ Taylor Gravos

18~ Helen Jacobson

19~ Kay Howe

~ Kris Youngquist

20~ Robert Anfinson

~ Elizabeth McHan

~ Jonah Sievers

21~ James Semmen

~ Cammy Johnson

22~ Sandy Sjarpe

~ Sarah Bearbower

~ Benjamin Brand

~ Kjersta Lind

23~ Sharon Ehler

~ Julie Ekstrom

25~ Matthew Brookins

26~ Tristan Dahl

27~ Sandra Overland

~ Ben Markegard

28~ Pernella Landsverk

~ Tom Smith

~ Wendy Overland

~ Naomi Howe

29~ Randy Dahl

~ Brianna Koop

31~ Guthrie Johnson



## Happy Anniversary!

2~ Merwood & Darlys  
Storhoff

14~ Bradley & Kari John-  
son

20~ Robert & Caroline  
Anfinson

24~ Robert & Shelly



## ACCOMPANIMENT: A THEOLOGY OF MISSION

By Kathy Bolin

*Director for Global Mission/Companion Synods of the Southeastern Minnesota Synod*

The attitude with which we approach other people and cultures matters greatly. As members of the Evangelical Lutheran Church in America, we uphold an approach called accompaniment.

Accompaniment is a scriptural and practical way of understanding mission that has been articulated in the past few decades in dialogue between churches in the “global North” (those who historically **sent** missionaries) and churches in the “global South” (those who historically **received** missionaries). Today, there are more Christians in the “global South” than in the “global North.” It is a different world than that of the earliest missionaries, and our understanding of and living out of mission must respond.

The accompaniment model was presented to the Evangelical Lutheran Church in America (ELCA) by Latin American churches as a model for being companions with one another. The foundational scripture for this model is Luke 24:13–35, the Road to Emmaus passage. This story of Jesus reminds us that mission is a journey and that Christ is already present in encounters and visits wherever we go. Our companions may be individuals in our own community or our partners in Colombia, Tanzania, South Sudan or other countries around the world.

Luke’s Road to Emmaus passage illuminates to us how to accompany one other in our journeys. Accompaniment helps us to see mission differently. It brings your story and my story together to a place where we are both reconciled within God’s story. One definition of accompaniment is: **Walking together in solidarity in a way that practices interdependence and mutuality.** Accompaniment promotes:

**MUTUALITY:** We work to recognize that all of us have gifts to offer to God’s mission. Mutuality is built upon giving and receiving trust as we grow together.

**INCLUSIVITY:** Our cultures filter and influence how we see the world and each other. Inclusivity requires self-reflection and honesty about ourselves and our own communities and relationships.

**VULNERABILITY:** Jesus shows us that vulnerability (openness to relationship, giving up power) is God’s way of redemption. It takes courage to be vulnerable.

**EMPOWERMENT:** When we can name and acknowledge that relationships have differences of power, and we strive to bring balance to those partnerships, we are working to empower one another. Learning to let go of power – to become vulnerable – is an act of empowerment.

**SUSTAINABILITY:** The accompaniment value of sustainability requires that any given relationship will require an intentional commitment of attention and time to build up all those who are involved. The key to sustainability is listening, hearing and sharing.

As a synod, we are committed to encouraging this way of approaching interpersonal and intercultural relationships. Thank you for your partnership in expanding awareness about this important topic.

*For more on accompaniment and our connections with Colombia, Tanzania, and other global ministry programs, please contact Kathy Bolin at [bolin@semnsynod.org](mailto:bolin@semnsynod.org).*

# March 2015

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
1 EL- 9:00 a.m. SS- 10:00 a.m. HP- 11:00 a.m.	2	3	4 Lenten service @ Elstad 6:30 meal - 7:00 worship Bulletin Deadline	5	6	7 HP- Tabitha circle 10a.m. @ Burdey's
8 *Daylight Savings* EL- 11:00 a.m. SS- 10:00 a.m. HP- 9:00 a.m. EL-Annual B-Day Party HP-Council 5:30 p.m. @ Elstad Parish- 7:00 EL- after Parish	9 EL- Elizabeth circle 6:30 p.m. Park Lane in Preston	10	11 Lenten service @ HP 6:30 meal - 7:00 worship *WELCA Do Day quilting/potluck/meeting Bulletin Deadline	12 Quilting @ EL 12 noon	13	14
15 EL- 9:00 a.m. SS- 10:00 a.m. HP- 11:00 a.m.	16	17	18 Lenten service @ Elstad 6:30 meal - 7:00 worship Bulletin Deadline	19 Newsletter Deadline	20	21
22 EL- 9:00 a.m. SS- 10:00 a.m. HP- 11:00 a.m.	23	24	25 Lenten service @ HP 6:30 meal - 7:00 worship Quilting @ HP Bulletin Deadline	26	27	28
29 - Palm Sunday EL- 9:00 a.m. SS- 10:00 a.m. HP- 11:00 a.m.	30	31				

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## *March 2015 Newsletter*

### Highland Prairie Acolytes/Readers/Greeters

#### Sunday, March 1, 2015

**Acolytes:** Paula Howe

**Readers:** Paula Howe, Sharon Ehler

**Greeters:** Doug Lind Family

#### Sunday, March 8, 2015

**Acolytes:** Paula Howe, Hans Lind

**Readers:** Paula Howe, Norma Halverson

**Greeters:** Allen & Kay Howe

#### Wednesday, March 11, 2015

**Readers:** Hans Lind, David Larson

#### Sunday, March 15, 2015

**Acolytes:** Jens Lind, Trenten Chiglo

**Readers:** Jens Lind, Arlene Johnson

**Greeters:** Doug Lind Family

#### Sunday, March 22, 2015

**Acolytes:** Trenten Chiglo

**Readers:** Trenten Chiglo, Scott Bestul

**Greeters:** Sharon & Paul Ehler

#### Wednesday, March 25, 2015

**Readers:** Trenten Chiglo, Sylvia Markegard

#### Sunday, March 29, 2015

**Acolytes:** Paula Howe, Hans Lind

**Readers:** Paula Howe, Sylvia Passow

**Greeters:** Kyle Chiglo Family

### Elstad Acolyte/Reader/Ushers

#### Sunday, March 1, 2015

**Reader:** Lori Bakke

#### Wednesday, March 4, 2015

**Reader:** Vicky Topness

#### Sunday, March 8, 2015

**Reader:** Peter Holm

#### Sunday, March 15, 2015

**Reader:** John Overland

#### Wednesday, March 18, 2015

**Reader:** Carolyn Smith

#### Sunday, March 22, 2015

**Reader:** Tom Dybing

#### Sunday, March 29, 2015

**Reader:** Carol Overland