

Big Canoe & Highland Lutheran Churches

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NEWSLETTER

APRIL WORSHIP TIMES - Highland 10:00 a.m.

- **Proceeds** from the Big Canoe Easter breakfast/pie auction, will go to Carl Bergan and Stacy Linderbaum for medical expenses - Friends of Big Canoe Church.
- **Easter Lilies** at Big Canoe are from Big Canoe WELCA and others in memory of Martin & Anna Monson, Marvin & Ruby Monson, Mary & Oscar Lund, Christine Lund, Ryan Monson, Adam Christopherson, and Lloyd & Charlotte Strinmoen.
- **Hesper Lutheran Church Women of the ELCA Waffle Brunch**, Sunday, April 7th, 9:30 a.m. to 12:30 p.m. Belgian waffles, sausage, applesauce, juice, milk, coffee. Adults \$10, children 6-11 are \$5, and children 5 and under are free.
- **14th Annual Prom Night for Persons with Disabilities**, Saturday, April 20th, The Innwood Ballroom, Spillville, IA. Free night of food, dancing, games, and prizes. Doors open at 4:00, dinner at 5:00, Dance to "Blackout" DJ from 6:00 to 8:30. Games with prizes for all! RSVP to attend by emailing info@inwoodballroom or call Ruth Kuhn at 563-419-1905 by April 13th.
- **Thank you** to everyone who helped make the personal care kits for the Lenten Challenge.
- **Thank you** for participating in the Lenten Round Robin. If you have feedback or suggestions please share at the Shared Ministry meeting.
- **First Family Game night will be at Highland**, May 3rd starting with baked potato/salad bar at 6:00 p.m. with games to follow. Come enjoy fellowship time, play your favorite game or learn a new one. A variety of games will be available. Please RSVP to Anna by May 1 cell 952-240-9569 or email amjetson@yahoo.com

Cancer benefit for Stacy (Straka) Linderbaum

April 27, 4 to 8:00 p.m. - Fest Building in Spring Grove

Meal, bake sale, silent auction, and live auction. ATV ride prior to the benefit.

Stacy was diagnosed with ovarian cancer this fall & is undergoing treatments. Proceeds will go towards medical bills and loss of income from her business, Windy Pines Greenhouse. Donations (and prayers) are gratefully accepted. If you would be willing to contribute bars or a salad for the meal, or goodies for the bake sale, please contact Kathryn Thompson 563-379-2051 or Dawn Tyribakken @ 492-3803 (local number) or 563-419-8281 (cell).

Big Canoe Council Minutes - March 3, 2024

Present: Brian Bigler - President, Steve Emery - Vice President, Deb Monson - Secretary, and council members: Kathryn Thompson, Shelly Bigler, Vern Whitaker, Bill Bullerman, Pastor Gies, and Laurie Emery - Treasurer.

Brian Bigler called the meeting to order. Pastor Gies led the council in prayer.

Deb read the minutes from the meeting of February 11th. The council approved the minutes as read. The minutes will be placed on file.

Laurie Emery presented the treasurer's report:

Balance on hand (2/11/24)	\$1,429.34
Receipts	\$4,904.34
<u>Disbursements</u>	<u>\$3,482.23</u>
Balance on hand (3/2/24)	\$1,422.11

The council discussed the placing of the offertory plate in the middle of the church. The council agreed to the placement of the offertory plate in the middle of the church.

Brian Bigler read a letter from Aase Haugen requesting funds for a chapel at the new nursing home. Aase is requesting \$4,000 a year for three years. Laurie Emery reminded the council that church gives \$700 a year to Aase in benevolence monies. The council agreed to increasing the benevolence by \$300 to a total of \$1,000 a year for the new chapel at Aase. This increase shall be considered one year at a time. Shelley made a motion, the motion was seconded by Vern. Motion passed.

Laurie brought to the attention of the council as to the offering given on Ash Wednesday of \$290. One half of the offering will be given to Highland. The council decided to give Big Canoe's one half to the WELCA to be used to purchase items for health care kits (LWR) and for hygiene items for Bremwood.

Laurie further informed the council that the cost of printing the newsletter has increased significantly. Brian suggested we go to emailing the newsletter in an effort to reduce the cost.

With regard to February's newsletter and the matter of parishioners having the ability to transfer their offerings into an account at Decorah Bank and Trust - any parishioner wanting to do this would need to arrange this through their individual bank. An account at DB&T to receive parishioners offerings has not been established yet.

Laurie stated that the church is in receipt of a donation of \$1,154.30. This donation can be used at the discretion of the church council. The council decided to apply this donation to the cemetery fund for the replacement of mowing costs. Vern made the motion to use the donation of \$1,154.30 to repay the cemetery fund for mowing costs. Seconded by Bill Bullerman. Motion passed.

Kathryn updated the council on Stacy Linderbaum who has cancer. Stacy is the owner of Windy Pines Nursery. Stacy supplies the church with flowers for urns and the cemetery and the flower bed on the church sign board. Stacy will fill the urns, however, volunteers will be needed to pick up the urns. Kathryn said there will be a fundraiser sometime in the future for Stacy and her family.

Bill Stoen visited the council meeting at this time. Bill advised that the synod needs the name, phone number, and email address of council members and specifically those that hold an office within the council.

There being no further business to discuss, Steve Emery made a motion to adjourn, motion was seconded by Vern Whitaker and the meeting was adjourned.

Pastor Gies gave the closing prayers, and the Lord's Prayer was recited.

Respectfully submitted, Deb Monson, Secretary

April 2024

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
	1	2	3	4	5	6
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • 10:00 Joint Worship Highland • Communion 				Hannah Circle 1:30 p.m. Big Canoe		
7	8	9	10	11	12	13
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • 10:00 Joint Worship Highland • Communion • Women of the ELCA meeting 					Bible Study 9:30 a.m. Highland	
14	15	16	17	18	19	20
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • 10:00 Joint Worship Highland • Highland Council Meeting <p>Shared Ministry Meeting 12:30 p.m. Canoe Ridge</p>			Big Canoe WELCA Lunch at Noon Meeting 12:30 Quilters at 8:30 a.m.			Upper Iowa River Cluster meeting 8:30 a.m. Good Shepherd Decorah
21	22	23	24	25	26	27
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • 10:00 Joint Worship Highland • Blessing of the LWR Quilts/Kits 						Cancer benefit for Stacy (Straka) Linderbaum Fest Building, Spring Gr. 4:00 to 8:00 p.m.
28	29	30	31	May 1	May 2	May 3
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • 10:00 Joint Worship Highland 				May 4 th – LWR truck at Olson Explosives	Sunday services in May at Big Canoe, 10:00 a.m.	First Family Game night will be at Highland 6:00 pm. Friendship Day at Good Shepherd, 9:00 a.m.
		Big Canoe & Highland website: www.bchlutheran.org				



~ **Shared Ministry Newsletter** ~
April 2024



*To submit information for the monthly Shared Ministry newsletter, please email Linda Folstad at linda.folstad49@gmail.com
 By: April 15th for the May 2024 Newsletter

Upcoming Shared Ministry Meeting
 Sunday, April 14, 2024
 12:30 pm at Canoe Ridge Lutheran Church.
 All are welcome to attend and participate in the discussions on ways our churches can serve God together in ministry.



BIBLE STUDY
Come Share Our
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 All are invited to join us for Bible Study held at Highland Lutheran Church April 12, 2024 at 9:30 am!
 Discussion centers around Bible studies in the **GATHER** Magazine, an ELCA publication.
 Bring a friend!

C³ Ministry Fair Event To Replace Synod Assembly in 2024
 "Creative, Collaborative Congregations" a new synod event will be held June 1, 2024 at Wartburg College in Waverly. The event will include opportunities to attend morning and afternoon workshops, a worship service and more. C³ will alternate every other year with the Synod Assembly, which will be held next in 2025. Cost to attend is \$50 and anyone interested is welcome. More information about the new C³ event and how to register is available on the Synod website and will be printed in the Apr/May **Star** Newsletter.

Hesper Lutheran Church Women of the ELCA
Spring Waffle Brunch
 Sunday, April 7, 2024 Serving from 9:30 am—12:30 pm
MENU: Belgian Waffles, Sausages, Applesauce, Juice, Milk & Coffee
 Adults: \$10 Children 6-11: \$5.00 Children 5 and under: FREE
Come and join us for Brunch!

LIFE PLANNING SEMINAR
Tuesday, April 9, 2024 1:00 pm and 7:00 pm
at Burr Oak Lutheran Church 2358—360th St. ~ Decorah, IA
 Please join us for "Desserts and Discussion" presented by Caryl Jermier, Director of Family Services at Helms Funeral Home. Topics include pre-arranging and pre-funding funerals with Q & A time. Caryl provides valuable information in a caring manner to families journeying through the decision-making and planning process. **Please RSVP to Leslie Cook or Linda Folstad by Tuesday, April 2 if you are interested in attending the 1 pm or 7 pm seminar.**
 Leslie Cook: 563-379-4211 or lcook7949@msn.com
 Linda Folstad: 563-419-7427 or linda.folstad49@gmail.com

World Day of Prayer
 At the February Shared Ministry Meeting plans were made to offer an additional opportunity for those working daytime hours to be able to attend a World Day of Prayer service. This service was set for Saturday, March 2nd at Big Canoe Lutheran Church. The program was written by women in Palestine. Martha Monson-Lowe, who has traveled to the Middle East through her work as an artist, presented an interesting and informative program on the struggles in Palestine due to conflicts and war. Her presentation included a display of many beautiful items made by Palestinian artists, which were available for purchase in support of them.

Worship Services ~ April 2024

	April 7	April 14	April 21	April 28
Highland & Big Canoe Pr. Waldemar Gies, Interim	Joint worship 10:00 am at Highland	Joint worship 10:00 am at Highland	Joint worship 10:00 am at Highland	Joint worship 10:00 am at Highland
Hesper Burr Oak Pr. David Werges Lisa Kammerer—Deacon	8:30 am—Joint Burr Oak & Hesper Worship in Hesper WELCA Waffle Brunch 9:30 am—12:30 pm	8:30 am <i>Coffee/Fellowship</i> 10:00 am	8:30 am/HC <i>Coffee/Fellowship</i> 10:00 am/HC	8:30 am <i>Coffee/Fellowship</i> 10:00 am
Canoe Ridge Glenwood Pr. Matthew Russler	8:30 am/HC at Canoe Ridge <i>9:30 Coffee/Fellowship</i> 9:30 SS at Glenwood 10:30 am/HC at Glenwood.	10:30 am/HC at Canoe Ridge 8:30 am/HC <i>9:30 am Coffee/Fellowship & SS at Glenwood.</i>	8:30 am worship at Canoe Ridge <i>9:30 am Coffee/Fellowship & SS at Glwd</i> 10:30 am worship 1 pm— Joint Confirmation at Glenwood	10:30 am Worship at Canoe Ridge <i>8:30 am Worship at Glenwood. 9:30 am Coffee & SS at Glenwood</i>
St. John's & Hauge Pr. Randy Kittleson	Joint Worship/HC 9:30 am at St. John's <i>10:30 am Coffee Hour</i>	Joint Worship /HC 9:30 am at Hauge <i>10:30 am Coffee Hour</i>	Joint Worship/HC 9:30 am at St. John's <i>10:30 am Coffee Hour</i>	Joint Worship/HC 9:30 am at Hauge <i>10:30 am Coffee Hour</i>

Upcoming Events—2024

Apr. 12: 9:30 am - Bible Study at Highland
 Apr. 14: 12:30 pm—Shared Ministry Meeting at Canoe Ridge
 Apr. 19 & 20: Church wide Women of the ELCA meeting
 Apr. 20: Upper Iowa River Cluster meeting at Good Shepherd Lutheran in Decorah
 May 4: LWR Ingathering at Olson Explosives in Decorah
 June 1: C³ Gathering at Wartburg College in Waverly

Websites:

www.WomenoftheELCA.org
www.NEIASynod.org
www.bchlutheran.org Big Canoe/Highland Lutheran
www.glenwoodlutheran.org Glenwood/Canoe Ridge
www.bohlutheran.org Burr Oak/Hesper Lutheran
www.haugelutheran.com Hauge/St. John's Lutheran

Northeastern Iowa Care for Creation Network—Green Tips

April brings spring and spring cleaning. Eco-friendly cleaners and green cleaning tricks allow you to spruce up your home in a safe and non-toxic way. Commercial cleaning products often contain toxic ingredients that can be dangerous to the environment and humans. Although generally safe for use in towns with wastewater treatment plants, many commercial cleaners may not be safe to use in homes with septic systems. Here are some safe, green tips to help with your Spring cleaning:

- Lemon juice has great anti-bacterial and antiseptic properties, and it is a natural deodorizer for trash cans and sinks.
- Make window cleaner by mixing 1/2 cup vinegar to 2-3 cups water, along with a few drops of liquid detergent and lemon juice in a spray bottle. Wipe off with newspaper or a clean, cotton cloth
- To clean your dishwasher once a week, fill a dishwasher-safe bowl with 1-2 cups of white vinegar and set it on the top rack. Run a cleaning cycle to remove odors, food residue, germs and stains.