

Big Canoe & Highland Lutheran Churches

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NEWSLETTER

APRIL WORSHIP TIMES

Sunday, April 2, Palm Sunday, Highland 10 a.m.
Thursday, April 6, Maundy Thursday, Big Canoe 6:30 p.m.
Friday, April 7, Good Friday, Highland 6:30 pm.

**Sunday, April 9, Easter, Big Canoe 8 a.m.
Breakfast and pie auction following the service.**

Sunday, April 16, Highland 10 a.m.
Sunday, April 23, Highland 10 a.m.
Sunday, April 30, Highland 10 a.m.



Big Canoe WELCA would like to challenge both churches together to increase the amount of personal care kits for the LWR Truck. Last year the combined total was 120. We will collect until Sunday, April 30th so we can box them up as the truck loads on May 6th. There will be a container for this at each church.

One personal care kit includes:

- 1 light weight bath towel (20 x 40 to 52 x 27)
- 2 or 3 bath size bars of soap in original packaging (8-9 oz.)
- 1 adult size toothbrush in original packaging or multi packs can be separated into envelopes
- 1 sturdy comb
- 1 metal nail clippers (can be finger or toe clipper, attached file is optional)

Big Canoe Church Cleaning

We are not setting a special day but hope that volunteers will come forward as either an individual or a group to help, whenever it works for you! A list of areas that need to be cleaned is on the table in the entryway so you can pick & choose and cross off what you have done. Keep in mind of some upcoming events: Easter Breakfast/WELCA Cluster Meeting on Saturday, April 22.

Bring your pails, rags, vacuum cleaners or anything else you think you may need. Many hands make light work. Bob will also have cleaning supplies on hand. Questions, please call Emma at 563-419-4222 or Judy at 563-546-7922.





Highland Coffee

We are looking for people who be willing to take a turn at serving coffee after services in April. If you are able to help, please contact Virginia at 507-450-3878.

Highland WELCA

April 2nd after service.
We have many things to discuss so please try to attend and voice your opinions.

Hesper Lutheran Church
Spring Waffle Brunch
Palm Sunday, April 2nd
Serving 9:30 to 1:00
Includes Belgian Waffles, sausage,
Applesauce, coffee, milk, juice.
Adults \$10, kids 6-1 \$5
5 and under are free

Friends of Springwater Church & Cemetery
will hold a Fundraiser on
Sunday, April 23, 2023
at the VFW in Decorah.
Menu includes:
Bar-b-ques, a variety of Salads,
Desserts and Beverages.
Serving from 5 - 7 pm. FREE- Will Offering.

Cemetery Committee Meeting, March 13th

The west cemetery drive will soon be roped as there is no normal road at this time.

With spring around the corner we would like to mention that any memorabilia or flowers in the grass of a tombstone could be damaged by mowing and weed eating. The cemetery asks that you keep items with in good interest and flowers in a raised pot on a pole or fixed vase. If you need help with drilling a permanent pot or have any questions, please contact Tammy Nordheim: 563-546-7716

Reminder that as of March 1st, 2023 membership lot and care is \$350 and non-members are \$700.

Bids were taken for the 2023 cemetery mowing season and the contract was given to Matt Amundson. We would like to thank everyone for their time and submitting bids.

This year you may see some tombstones in the oldest part of the cemetery being fixed. We appreciate the donation in being able to do this. If anyone would like to donate for more tombstones to be repaired or general maintenance, you can send that to the church, checks should be made payable to: The Big Canoe Cemetery.

Luther League will meetings and reminders:

- Sunday, April 2nd after Highland church service at Highland
- Saturday, April 8th, 1:00 p.m. to prepare for Easter Breakfast
- Sunday, April 9th Easter service is 8 a.m. at Big Canoe. We would like all kids available will help with EASTER story (skit). After church there will be a breakfast and pie auction.
 - All the congregation is welcome to bring a pie to be auctioned off at the breakfast
- Sunday School Bags: Please pick up your family book bags in the entry of the church. The last bag will be April 9th. We will try to have a party in May for the end of the year.

March 7, 2023, Big Canoe Council Meeting

The Big Canoe church council met on March 7, 2023 at 6:30 pm for its regular monthly meeting. Members present included: Pat O'Regan, Shelly Bigler, Steve Emery, Kathryn Thompson, Brian Bigler, Rita Thomas and Treasurer Laurie Emery.

Pat called the meeting to order with prayer. The minutes for the January meeting were read and approved.

The Treasurer's report was accepted and placed on file. Laurie reported a balance on hand of \$1,144.44 (without last Sunday's offering) and a balance of \$5,495.38 in the parsonage fund.

All bills have been paid and the insurance has been settled for the roofing project at the church, parsonage and janitor's house. After insurance monies were applied to the roofing bill, \$5,361 was paid from the parsonage fund. \$7,500 was used from the improvement fund to pay for the gutters that were put on. Good job, well done. Our insurance carrier, Church Mutual, conducted an inspection of the church mid-February. We passed without any complaints.

Lawn repairs around the church will be done this spring when weather permits. Steve Emery will be in charge on the operation. Pat will work up the ground that has been pushed up. Bob Thomas will supply the Bobcat for the dirt placement and leveling. Joel Anderson has dirt that we can use as fill for the price of a tax write off note. Gary Stortz has volunteered to furnish the grass seed for the project. Steve motioned, Rita seconded, that we accept his offer with our thanks. Motion passed. Bob T. and Pat will furnish the straw that will be needed. All are encouraged to come and help when the project is in progress. It was also decided that during the work everyone needs to look at the outside of the church and check for places we may need to do tuckpointing as we will be accepting bids this summer to have this work done.

We have received five bids for mowing the cemetery. The cemetery committee will make the final determination on the final bid acceptance early in March. Options were discussed on how the payments for the contract should be split between the church and the cemetery. No final decision has been reached pending input from the cemetery committee.

Bob M. has been doing routine checks on the furnace, opening the church and taking care of the sidewalks. After his checkup this spring the council will meet with him and discuss arrangements for summer mowing and other duties he is able to perform. May he live long and prosper.

At the annual meeting it was voted on that those who had helped out at the church during this past year should submit bills to the council. That included cleaning, mowing, snow removal etc. The council would also like to extend a most sincere and heartfelt THANK YOU to all who pitched in.

The new budget for 2023 was accepted by unanimous consent.

Election of officers was held. Our new President will be Brian Bigler, Vice President Pat O'Regan and Secretary Rita Thomas. Brian took over Presidential duties from Pat.

The council will be changing the date and time when we meet. We will meet the first Sunday of each month after regular church services.

The council will provide bars and coffee after church on Sunday, March 12.

A motion to adjourn was made by Rita, seconded by Pat, and accepted. We closed with the Lord's Prayer.

Respectfully submitted, Rita Thomas, Secretary

April 2023

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
<p align="center">Highland Ushers for April:</p> <p>April 2nd – Danny Dutka April 23rd – Eric Selness Good Friday – Dennis Karlsbroten April 30th – Lowell Walhus April 16th – Gary Halverson</p>						1
2 Highland 10:00 a.m. Palm Sunday Communion Big Canoe council after service	3	4	5	6 Maundy Thursday Big Canoe 6:30 p.m. service	7 Good Friday Highland 6:30 p.m. service	8
9 Big Canoe 8:00 a.m. Easter Breakfast & Pie Auction following service	10	11	12	13	14	15
16 Highland 10:00 a.m. Highland council after service	17 Newsletter items due	18	19	20	21	22
23 Highland 10:00 a.m.	24	25	26	27	28	29 Tomorrow is the last day to collect personal care kits for the LWR Truck.
30 Highland 10:00 a.m. May 7 th Service is at 10:00 a.m. at Big Canoe	May 1	May 2	May 3	May 4	May 5	May 6 LWR Truck loads
				<p align="center">Big Canoe & Highland website: www.bchlutheran.org</p>		



~ Shared Ministry Newsletter ~

April 2023



The Shared Ministry Group prepares an informational newsletter each month, which is available for churches to distribute to their congregations. The newsletter will include items of interest, worship times, and other pertinent information.

*To submit information for the monthly Shared Ministry newsletter, please email Linda Folstad at linda.folstad49@gmail.com

By: April 6th for the May 2023 Newsletter

Hesper Lutheran WELCA
Belgian Waffle Spring Brunch
PALM SUNDAY
April 2, 2023

Serving 9:30 am to 1:00 pm.

MENU
 Belgian Waffles
 Sausages
 Applesauce
 Juice, Milk & Coffee



Come and join us for Brunch!



All are invited to join us for Bible Study held at Highland Lutheran Church April 14th at 9:30 am! The Bible Study Group is comprised of women from area churches and meets on the second Friday of each month. Discussion centers around Bible studies in the **GATHER** Magazine, an ELCA publication.
 (NOTE: If school is delayed or closed due to inclement weather Bible Study is cancelled).

If you are interested in joining a Bible Study group but are unable to attend morning meetings at Highland please contact Linda at linda.folstad49@gmail.com and suggest a meeting time that works for you. We would like to offer another meeting time and date if there is interest.

LENTEN WORSHIP "TOGETHER"



The voices of many singers blend beautifully together in the joint choir at Lenten worship services.

We are excited to have our area church families come together each week during the Lenten season to share a meal, a time of fellowship, and worship. Round-Robin Lenten services have been very well attended! We look forward to exploring more opportunities for working together and sharing ministry in the months ahead!

Please note the new address for Highland

Highland Lutheran Church
 PO Box 155
 Highlandville, IA 52149



Sunday Worship Services ~ April 2023

	April 2 Palm Sunday	April 6 Maundy Thursday	April 7 Good Friday	April 9 Easter Sunday	April 16	April 23	April 30
Highland Big Canoe	10:00 am at Highland	6:30 pm Maundy Thursday worship at Big Canoe	6:30 pm Good Friday worship at Highland	8:00 am at Big Canoe. Easter Breakfast and Pie Auction to follow.	10:00 am at Highland	10:00 am at Highland	10:00 am at Highland
Hesper	8:30 am 9:30 am to 1 pm: Belgian Waffle Brunch In Hesper -	7:00 pm— Maundy Thursday worship in Burr Oak. 5th grad- ers receive First Commun- ion	7:00 pm Good Friday worship in Hesper	6:30 Sunrise. 7:30 Easter Fellowship Coffee 8:30 worship	8:30 am Coffee	10:00 am Joint BO/H Worship in Hesper. Potluck follows. Guest Pastor: Rev. Kristen Corr-Rod	8:30 am St. Grubby's Church Clean- up Day in Hesper. after worship. **NOISY OFFERING**
Burr Oak	10:00 am			10:00 am	10:00 am		10:00 am
Canoe Ridge Glenwood	8:30 am 10:30 am	7:00 pm Seder Meal	7:00 pm	7:00 Sun- rise 8:00 Breakfast 9:30 am	8:30 am 10:30 am	10:30 am 8:30 am 9:30 Cof- fee/SS	8:30 am 9:30 am Coffee/SS 10:30 am
St. John's Hauge	9:30 am Coffee fol- lowing wor- ship	6:00 pm	6:00 pm	9:30 am	9:30 am worship. Coffee following	9:30 am worship. Coffee	9:30 am worship. Coffee following

Upcoming Events

April 22: Cluster Meeting at Big Canoe
 8:00 am Coffee
 9 am—11 am Meeting
Speaker from Oneota Riverview
 May 6: 7:30—11:30 am LWR Ingathering
 at Olson Explosives
 June 9-10: Synod Assembly at Luther College

Websites:

www.WomenoftheELCA.org
www.NELAsynod.org
www.bchlutheran.org Big Canoe/Highland Lutheran
www.glenwoodlutheran.org Glenwood/Canoe Ridge
www.bohlutheran.org Burr Oak/Hesper Lutheran
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