

Big Canoe & Highland Lutheran Churches

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NEWSLETTER

AUGUST WORSHIP TIMES

Highland 10:00 a.m.

Offertory: The joint council has decided that all loose offering will stay at the host church. We have been splitting it half and half. If you would like your cash to go to a certain church please put it in an envelope and write the church's name on it.

School Supplies: With school supplies being in stock and on special now, we are starting to collect school supplies for LWR School Kits. Here are the items needed for Highland:

- 70-page notebooks (4 per kit) preference is wide rule, but will take whatever is donated
- pencil sharpener
- blunt scissor
- unsharpened pencils (5 per kit)
- ball point pens (blue or black, not gel ink) (5 per kit)

Louise has made many school bags for us to fill and has also made bags of crayons for us to use. Anna found a really good deal on rulers and a box of 100 erasers on clearance for \$1, purchasing two.

We can always use 4-ounce bars of soap. The kits need 8 to 9 ounces of soap, so if the bars of soap are 3 ounces, we just need to include 3 bars. Last time someone did donate 5-ounce bars of soap, so they pair nicely with the 3-ounce bars of soap.

If you are not a shopper but prefer to contribute money, please give to or mail to Louise Jetson at 130 Goodview Dr, Spring Grove MN 55974.

Hannah Circle

August 3rd
1:30 p.m.
Big Canoe

Gather Bible Study

Highland
August 11th
9:30 a.m.

BIG CANOE LUTHERAN CHURCH COUNCIL MINUTES

JULY 9, 2023

Brian Bigler, Council President Opened meeting at 11:10.

Pastor Gies opened with a devotion focused on the congregation's mission of serving and growing in Christ.

Laurie Emery provided a 2nd QTR Financial Report along with Big Canoe Parsonage Account information.

Unfinished Business

A discussion ensued regarding pending financial obligations. A letter will be mailed out to Big Canoe Members, regarding how the Congregation will go forward to meet these obligations. Pat O'Regan made the motion to send out such a letter and Shelley Bigler 2nd, motion passed unanimously.

As discussed at the Joint Council Meeting, Pastor Gies will continue serving as interim Pastor for the foreseeable future. Pastor will continue to serve at the current agreed compensation level.

Brian Bigler pointed out that the "Call Committee" was responsible for calling a new Pastor and the Council was responsible for calling a new interim Pastor. The search continues.

Pastor Gies brought forward information regarding the ELCA intentions regarding acceptance or decline of Pastors in the future. Council acknowledged the information.

New Business

Big Canoe will begin serving coffee and a snack after each service, starting July 23, 2023. When we discussed having the get together on July 16th, we realized that Highland was having their Ice Cream Social that day. We are encouraging all members to attend the event at Highland!

Vern Whitaker will be placing a signup sheet at the Church entrance for volunteers to bring snacks for upcoming coffee events. We are encouraging three people to volunteer for each of the services. This way everybody gets a chance to share their treats!

The council also discussed a **Fall Outside Service**. Tentatively, we are scheduled for **September 17th**.

We are also proposing a **POTLUCK following Services on September 24th**.

Pat O'Regan is in contact with the LP Gas provider to schedule LP Gas Contract for this upcoming winter. A suggestion was made to have services downstairs in the basement on excessively hot or cold days.

The council suggested and directed that Kathryn and Pastor have the latitude to make those decisions as needed!

Steve Emery is working a list of Ushers and Communion Servers. Communion Servers will be Council Members and Ushers are members of the Congregation. Vern Whitaker reminded the Council that women can serve as ushers too!

Pastor is asking for any updates on people who are unable to attend services and receive communion. Pastor is more than willing to visit those who are shut in.

Everyone is encouraged to attend Services! It is great to see each other and share the fellowship and Word of God.

If there are suggestions to improve and encourage members to attend, please bring them forward! Good ideas need to be shared!

Next Council Meeting is August 6th following service at Highland.

Steve Emery moved to adjourn at 12:10 pm. Motion passed with unanimous consent.

Closing prayers.

Respectfully Submitted: Pat O'Regan, Big Canoe Vice President

August 2023

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
		1	2	3 Hannah Circle 1:30 p.m. Big Canoe	4	5
6 Highland 10:00 a.m. Communion Highland WELCA meeting after service	7	8	9	10	11 Gather Bible Study 9:30 a.m. Highland	12
13 Highland 10:00 a.m. Communion	14	15	16	17	18	19
20 Highland 10:00 a.m.	21	22	23	24	25	26
27 Highland 10:00 a.m.	28	29	30	31	September 1	September 2
September 3 Big Canoe 10:00 a.m. Communion						

Big Canoe & Highland website:
www.bchlutheran.org



~ Shared Ministry Newsletter ~ August 2023



**“This is the day
that the LORD has
made;
Let us rejoice and
be glad in it.”
(Psalm 118:24)**

***To submit
information for the monthly
Shared
Ministry newsletter,
please email
Linda Folstad at
linda.folstad49@gmail.com
By: August 6th for the
September 2023 Newsletter**

CAMPFIRE WORSHIP & MARSHMALLOW FELLOWSHIP



**Hesper
Lutheran Church
Wednesday,
August 2, 2023
at 7:00 pm**

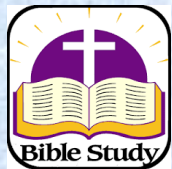


Music ~ Devotions ~ Fellowship

Come and enjoy an informal worship service outdoors around a campfire. Marshmallow Roast follows worship.

Bring your lawn chair or blanket. Invite a friend or neighbor to come along!

All are welcome!



***All are
invited to
join us for
Bible Study
held at
Highland***

***Lutheran Church
August 11th at
9:30 am!*** The Bible Study Group consists of women from area churches who meet on the second Friday of each month. Discussion centers around Bible studies in the **GATHER** Magazine, an ELCA publication. **Bring a friend!**



Sunday Worship Services ~ August 2023

	August 6	August 13	August 20	August 27
Highland Big Canoe	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
Burr Oak Hesper	10:00 am 8:30 am Followed by Coffee Hour	10:00 am 8:30 am Followed by Coffee Hour	10:00 am 8:30 am Followed by Coffee Hour	10:00 am. 8:30 am Followed by Coffee Hour
Glenwood Canoe Ridge	9:30 am—Joint Worship/Glenwood. Pr. Paul Nelson— Waverly. Glenwood—Coffee	8:30 am—Joint worship at Canoe Ridge. Pr. Kristin Kopperud-Stinn	9:30 am—Joint Worship/Glenwood Pr. Kristin Kopperud-Stinn Glenwood—Coffee	9:30 am—Joint worship at Canoe Ridge. Pr. Kristin Kopperud-Stinn
St. John's Hauge	Joint Worship 9:30 am at Hauge	Joint worship 9:30 am at St. John's	Joint worship 9:30 am at Hauge	Joint worship 9:30 am at St. John's

Have you tried FAITH5?



Faith5 was developed by Dr. Rich Melheim, a Lutheran Pastor, and founder of Faith Inkubators, to help nurture children's faith, create a caring atmosphere, and instill a sense of security. It is a 5-step, daily practice that consists of: 1) Sharing "Highs & Lows" of the day; 2) reading a Bible verse together; 3) discussing or talking about

how the Bible verse might relate to the high & low; 4) praying together; and 5) blessing each other. It is a great way to set aside 10 or 15 minutes daily to "connect" with your child and stay in touch with what is going on in their world. However, FAITH5 is not limited to just nuclear families, anyone can practice FAITH5 too. For more information Google FAITH5.org or check out Dr. Melheim's Book "*Holding Your Family Together, 5 Simple Steps to Help Bring Your Family Closer to God and Each Other.*"

Upcoming Events

September 10: God's Work, Our Hands - ELCA Day of Service
November 4: LWR Ingathering at Olson Explosives in Decorah

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
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