

## Big Canoe Annual Meeting, January 28, 2024

The Annual Meeting of the Big Canoe Congregation was held on January, 28, 2024 following services and a potluck. President of the Council, Brian Bigler, called the meeting to order and Pastor Gies led in opening devotions and prayer. Secretary Rita Thomas read the minutes from the last Annual Meeting and they were approved as read. Treasurer Laurie Emery gave the Treasurers report and it was placed on file. Our balance is \$3,357.14. The Audit Committee met January 21, 2024 to audit all church financial records. The Committee consists of: Earl Arneson (not present), Michelle Borreson, Liz Schafer, and Rita Thomas. All records were accurate.

**Council nominations** were presented: Deb Monson, Loren Amundson, Bill Bullerman and Eric Stoen. After a ballot vote Deb Monson and Bill Bullerman were elected to the council. Installation of new members will be February 11.

**Financial oversight committee report:** The Dalakar fund has been disbursed between the church and the Cemetery Committee. Most of the Grindeland funds are in 3-year CDs. Committee members will meet in March to discuss if more needs to be done with the Grindeland or Osmundson funds. Committee members are: Darrel Stoen, Connie Amundson, Lisa Bullerman, Brian Bigler, Tammy Nordheim, Gary Stortz and Rita Thomas.

**Aasa Haugen delegates** will be: Sandy Gavle, Dee Wyatt and Emma Thompson.

**Nominating Committee for 2024:** Sandy Gavle, Brian Bigler and Darrel Stoen.

**Conference Spring Assembly delegates** will be: Pastor Gies and Bill Stoen.

Shelly Bigler reported that she has the account books and checkbook for **Sunday School** and Tammy Nordheim has the books and check book for **Luther League**. Both organizations are in suspension at the moment due to lack of participants. Shelly Bigler and Anna Jetson have been in discussion about a multi-generational Sunday School.

**Youth church involvement** was discussed. Tammy Nordheim moved, and Bev Stortz seconded, that the Vice President of the council form a small committee to send out a "Time and Talents" survey to the congregation. The survey will help the committee get a feel for what members want to set as goals for the congregation and what talents members have to bring to the table in meeting those goals. Motion passed. The Shared Ministry has a template for the survey that we could perhaps use.

**Call Committee Report:** The committee has been active contacting the Synod and doing everything they can think of to speed the call process along. Tammy Nordheim reported that Synod has indicated that most Pastors up for calls seem to want to move to larger cities and more money.

The **Social Concerns Committee** reported that they had been contacted by the Highland Fun Fest Run Committee to say that the Run proceeds this year will be donated to the Callie Tweeten Fund. They believe the Run will bring in more money than they are allowed to collect without forming a 501c3 as per the IRS. The Social Concerns Committee has decided that they will sponsor the Run as they are already under that designation.

Shirley Bigler requested we give a big thank you to those who removed the Christmas decorations from the church, Emma Thompson, Tammy Nordheim and Bob Maroushek. Thank You!

**Direct Deposit Giving** was discussed. There are several options for direct giving. You can set it up to go directly from your bank account into the church account, usually at no cost. You could use an app that the synod recommends for direct deposit, which does cost. We could have a QR code notice in the front of the church for guest giving. We could use Squar or a similar company to take donations at events. Tammy Nordheim moved, Rita Thomas seconded, that Bill Stoen look into what the QR giving would entail and report to the council. Motion passed.

The giving of the interest from the **Grindeland Fund** was discussed. The amount is \$324.12. Rita Thomas moved, Colleen Bigler seconded that the money go to the Decorah Free Clinic. Motion passed.

**Worship service times** were discussed at some length. Several members wanted to have services every other Sunday at alternating churches. Some wanted to have services at Big Canoe in the winter because of the pavement and services in summer at Highland for the air conditioning. Most wanted to keep the schedule we have. Kris Bigler motioned; Gary Stortz seconded that we keep the schedule we have now. Motion passed.

Tuckpointing project was discussed. Bill Stoen reported that the window sills and frames need to be painted at the same time as the tuckpointing is done. No other report or information was available at this time.

**Cemetery Committee report.** Tammy Nordheim reported that a group wanted to do a state wide seminar at Big Canoe on how to fix and clean stones. We have already had several meetings with groups cleaning and restoring stones. Matt Amundson did the mowing last year and did a great job along with helping with fence painting and other odd jobs. The committee hopes to hire him again this year. The committee thanked Steve Emery and Bob Maroushek for the cement work done in the cemetery and Sandy Gavle for putting together the new book of grave sites and a short history of the cemetery. The book costs \$30 for anyone who wants to order one.

**WELCA** will be holding a **chicken dinner drive through** again in June. Last years was very well received. WELCA also put together and gave away 443 quilts in 2023.

**The Parsonage Report.** Laurie Emery reported that the rent and utilities are paid promptly. Bob Maroushek reported that he has been mowing the lawn there and that the garbage stacked in the garage is of concern. It was decided that the Joint Property Committee should meet with the renters to discuss a raise in the rent in lieu of their mowing the lawn. The question of the garbage also needs to be addressed.

Bob Maroushek was presented with a bonus of \$1,000 for his work around and for the church and grounds. He has been working with no salary except his house rent since he was sick this last spring. A grateful council and congregation wanted to extend a special thank you to him.

#### **Upcoming Services:**

- Easter service for Big Canoe this year will be March 31, 2024 at 8:00 AM with breakfast and pie auction to follow.
- Highland's Easter service will be held on March 31 at 10:00 AM.
- February 14 – Ash Wednesday – 6:30 PM Big Canoe
- February 21 – Round Robin Lent – 7:00 PM Burr Oak
- February 28 – Round Robin Lent – 7:00 PM Glenwood
- March 06 – Round Robin Lent – 7:00 PM Hesper
- March 13 – Round Robin Lent – 7:00 PM Big Canoe
- March 20 – Round Robin Lent – 7:00 PM Canoe Ridge
- March 24 – joint Palm Sunday – 10 AM Big Canoe
- March 28 – joint Maundy Thursday – 6:30 PM Highland
- March 29 – joint Good Friday – 6:30 PM Big Canoe
- Lunch will be served at 6:00 PM by each hosting church for each Round Robin Lenten service.

The **Annual Budget** for Big Canoe was discussed. After brief questions and remarks David Bigler moved, Carey Nordheim seconded, that the proposed budget be accepted. Motion carried.

With no other topics to be discussed Lisa Bullerman moved, Shelly Bigler seconded, that we adjourn the meeting with the Lord's Prayer

Respectfully submitted, Rita Thomas, Secretary

### **Big Canoe Council Meeting, January 7, 2024**

The Big Canoe Council met for its regular yearly budget meeting on January 7, 2024 following church services. Members present: Kathryn Thompson, Vern Whitiker, Steve Emery, Brian Bigler, Rita Thomas and Treasurer Laurie Emery.

The agenda for the annual meeting was discussed. Topics for discussion:

1. Pat and Rita will be going off of council and prospects for council were discussed. 2. The financial oversight committee and investments. 3. Where to send Grindeland Fund interest. 4. Possible direct deposit of offerings. 5. Worship service times. 6. Parsonage renters and lawn mowing. 7. Tuckpointing. Any other topics thought of should be sent to Brian.

The annual budget was discussed. After some minor adjustments (a slight raise for the organist, a lower amount for social security/medicare and a large raise for insurance) Steve motioned, Vern seconded, and we passed the budget for 2024 unanimously. The total budget comes to \$148,160.00.

The council approved sending Robert and Jamie Anderson a receipt for \$500 for the dirt that they donated to the church when we fixed the ruts left by the roofers this spring. It was also noted that Bob Thomas donated 20 bales of straw and Gary Stortz donated 25# of grass seed.

Steve motioned and Rita seconded that we adjourn the meeting with the Lord's Prayer.

Respectfully submitted, Rita Thomas, Secretary

### **Big Canoe Council Meeting, December 10, 2023**

The Big Canoe Council met briefly following the Joint Council meeting to discuss a bonus for Bob Maroushek. Steve motioned and Pat seconded that we give Bob a bonus of \$1,000 to be presented at the annual meeting.

Rita motioned; Brian seconded that we adjourn with the Lord's Prayer. Respectfully submitted, Rita Thomas, Secretary

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### **Life Planning Seminar**

Tuesday April 9 at 1 pm or 7 pm at Burr Oak Lutheran Church

Please join us for "Desserts & Discussion" presented by Caryl Jermier, Director of Family Services at Helms Funeral Home. Topics include pre-arranging & pre-funding funerals along with question-and-answer time.

Caryl provides valuable information in a caring manner to families journeying through the decision-making and planning process. Please RSVP to Leslie Cook by Tuesday, April 2<sup>nd</sup> if planning to attend.

Email [cook7949@msn.com](mailto:cook7949@msn.com) or phone 563-379-4211 leave a message with which session.

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**Big Canoe WELCA** will continue to collect items for Bremwood and are extending the time through March. There are containers at Big Canoe in the entry – one for Bremwood and one for LWR Personal care Items that are part of the Lenten challenge to do at least 40 bundles.

#### **Bremwood items needed for each bundle are:**

- 1 bath towel, 1 wash cloth, body wash, shampoo, conditioner, toothpaste, toothbrush, solid deodorant. Other optional items are dental floss, chapstick, lip gloss, comb and brush. Items must be new. Any number of items are welcome. Please call Emma Thompson with questions – 563-382-4002.

#### **LWR Personal care kits include:**

- 1 lightweight, dark colored bath towel, 8 to 9 ounces of bar soap in original packaging, toothbrush, sturdy comb, nail clipper w/ or w/out attached file.
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**Highland Lutheran Church  
Council Meeting  
February 4, 2024**

**Call to Order**

The February 4, 2024 meeting of the Highland Lutheran Church Council was called to order by President Steve Langland at 2:05 p.m. in the basement of the church. Council members in attendance: President Steve Langland, Secretary Darlene Sollien, Treasurer Dan Dutka, Anna Jetson, Karen Erickson, Al Erickson and newly elected member Gary Selness.

The purpose of the meeting today is for the election of officers and assignments to committees.

**Election of Officers:**

Council President: Karen Erickson nominated Steve Langland for President. Motion by Darlene Sollien and seconded by Gary Selness to cease nominations and cast a unanimous vote for Steve Langland for President. Motion Carried.

Vice President: Karen Erickson nominated Al Erickson for Vice President. Motion by Darlene Sollien and seconded by Gary Selness to cease nominations and cast a unanimous vote for Al Erickson for Vice President. Motion Carried.

Both Darlene Larson and Dan Dutka volunteered to keep their positions as secretary and treasurer respectively. No objection from council members.

Reviewed and updated committee list. (See attached)

Pastor Gies informed the council that we will need to start recording the number in attendance at worship services each week. Today attendance was at 36. We established the date for installation of council, which will be February 18, 2024.

Council meeting dates were established as follows:

April 14 after church

June 9 after church (this is a joint council meeting with Big Canoe)

August 11 after church

October 13 after church

December meeting date TBD will be joint council at Big Canoe.

Other meetings:

January 12, 2025 – Audit Committee

January 19, 2025 – Budget Meeting

We will need to redo our calling tree and establish schedule for communion assistants.

There being no further business motion by Al Erickson and seconded by Karen Erickson to adjourn. Motion carried.

Respectfully submitted,

Darlene Sollien  
Highland Secretary

**Highland Lutheran Church Annual Meeting  
February 4, 2024**

**Call to Order**

The annual meeting of the Highland Evangelical Lutheran Church of Winneshiek County, IA was called to order by President Steve Langland at 12:05 PM with 17 people in attendance.

**Opening Devotions**

Pastor Gies gave a reading and thoughts from Mark 1; healing and casting out demons. We were reminded that we should honor our roles as council members, officers and members of the congregation.

**Secretary's Report**

Dispensed with the reading of the minutes from the last annual meeting in their entirety and Pastor Gies provided a brief summary of the minutes. Motion by Virginia Karlsbrotten and seconded by Dennis Karlsbrotten to approve the minutes. Motion carried.

**Treasurer's Report**

Former Treasurer, Anna Jetson called attention to the printed 2023 financial report as provided in the annual meeting packet, having been printed on February 3, 2024.

Account	Balance on 1-1-23	Receipts	Disbursements	Ending Balance
Benevolence	0.00	\$5275.00	\$4950.00	\$325.00
Current Fund	\$16,370.39	\$46,255.41	\$44,670.66	\$17,955.14
Anniversary Celebration fund	\$375.10	.00	.00	\$375.10
Improvement Fund	\$72,696.76	.00	\$612.54	\$72,074.22
Scholarship Fund	\$5,880.87	.00	\$642.57	\$5,238.30

Anna stated that insurance is paid up for 2024. The loose offering will no longer be split between the churches each Sunday, but will go to the host church that Sunday in its entirety.

Dennis and Virginia Karlsbrotten thanked the church for the donation to their daughter and son-in-law this past year. Mark Sollien suggested that we consider keeping a portion of our benevolence locally for those in need and cut back on what we give to national and worldwide organizations. Tabled for later discussion.

Motion by Dennis Karlsbrotten and seconded by Louise Jetson to approve the treasurer's report. Motion carried.

The congregation thanked Anna for her years of service as treasurer.

**Pastoral Report**

Pastor Gies stated that there were no baptisms or confirmations, no transfers in or out and two funerals at Highland in 2023. Items discussed at the Big Canoe annual meeting included the schedule or frequency of our joint worship services. He feels we can grow as a congregation and encourages us to invite guests, specifically young people to our worship services.

**Call Committee Report**

Steve Langland reported that the last candidate was not a good fit for our congregation. Little if no interest in us. We need to be open to work with other parishes when there's an opening as we cannot afford to do this on our own. We cannot continue to break even, that's not good enough. We will need to share a pastor. Pastor Gies indicated that he does need to get lay people trained to lead worship services when is gone or otherwise unable to do so.

**WELCA Report**

Virginia Karlsbrotten provided a verbal update on activities this past year, which included bi-monthly meetings, bible study, Memorial Day Service, Ice Cream Social and Fall Bazaar, as well as assisting at the nursing homes for bingo and birthdays. Financial affairs are in order. Virginia noted that the 2024 Fall Bazaar will not be held on Labor Day this year, but later in the month on a date TBD.

### **Naomi Circle Report**

Karen Erickson indicated that she closed the books on Naomi circle after purchasing items for the kitchen and writing a small check to WELCA for the balance.

### **Property Committee Report**

Dan Dutka provided the update, indicating that the Bell Tower still needs work, the Landscaping still needs to be done and we have money for that project from the Depot. We also have money from the Depot for the two interior basement doors. There's been water in the basement in the women's restroom. We may need a new wireless microphone. Dan indicated that he will be retiring and then will have more time to devote to these projects.

Dennis Karlsbrotten indicated that he had the church water tested. Once the results are received he will give to the counsel.

### **Joint Property Committee**

Dan Dutka indicated that we do need to meet with Big Canoe about the current renters. Dennis Karlsbrotten suggested that we do an annual inspection of the property. There is a contract, but apparently Highland does not have a copy of it. We understand that this a month by month lease.

### **Highland Cemetery Association Annual Meeting**

Motion by Dan Dutka and seconded by Karen Erickson to suspend the Highland Annual Meeting and convene the Highland Cemetery Association Meeting. Motion Carried.

Dennis Karlsbrotten called the meeting to order at 12:43 p.m. He called attention to the financial report contained in the annual meeting packet as prepared by treasurer Mark Selness. Dennis indicated that the trees out front were trimmed, but the flags were damaged in the process. He is seeking approval to purchase six new flags. He is not contacting the tree service as they have not billed us, but have donated their work to our church. Motion by Anna Jetson and seconded by Steve Langland to approve the purchase of six new flags. Motion carried. Dennis indicated that there were two funerals this year.

Dan Dutka indicated that the audit committee reviewed the financial records for the cemetery committee and all looks good. We are making money on the royalties from the oil rights we have and should not sell them. We've been receiving inquiries about selling them. Discussed mowing for the upcoming season. Eric Selness and Ed Stoen were thanked for snow removal.

Motion by Mark Sollien and seconded by Steve Langland to keep current cemetery committee members the same for the upcoming year. Motion carried.

There being no further business motion by Mark Sollien and seconded by Ed Stoen to adjourn. Motion carried.

Meeting adjourned t 12:51 PM.

### **The congregational annual meeting reconvened at this time.**

#### **Auditing Committee Report**

Committee reported that everything is in order. No issues or concerns were identified.

#### **Nominating Committee Report**

The nominating committee presented two candidates for consideration to the council; Gary Selness and Dan Dutka have agreed to serve. Motion by Ed Stoen and seconded by Louise Jetson for nominations to cease and cast a unanimous vote. Motion carried.

#### **Election of Council and Representative Voting Members**

Nominating Committee: Mark Sollien and Virginia Karlsbrotten agreed to serve.

Audit Committee: Louise Jetson, Joyce Bjerke and Steve Langland agreed to serve.

Mutual Ministry: Anna Jetson and Steve Langland agreed to serve.

Upper Iowa: Ann Jetson agreed to serve.

3C's (Creative, Collaborative Congregations) will be being June 1, 2024. Anna read the details of the event. We can check the website for further details. Anna agreed to serve.

Aase Haugen Senior Services Annual Meeting: Steven Langland, Karen Erickson and Dan Dutka will attend.

Motion by Dennis Karlsbrotten and seconded by Mark Sollien to approve all nominees or volunteers. Motion carried.

### **2024 Budget**

Dan Dutka presented the 2024 budget as approved and submitted by the council. He noted several highlights in the budget, benevolence was increased, but they removed the donation to the Depot. Dan informed us that we have a CD for the scholarship fund and that CD cannot fall below \$5000.00. The joint budget did not change and is high in anticipation of calling a pastor. Discussed organist compensation and if we would go back to two services each Sunday, we would eliminate the music coordinator line item.

Mark Sollien suggested that we keep more of our benevolence money for local families in need, cutting from other line items in benevolence. After discussion, motion by Mark Sollien that we add line item in the amount of \$1000 for local benevolence. Dennis Karlsbrotten seconded, but offered a friendly amendment, that disbursement of these funds be approved by congregational consensus. Motion carried.

Motion by Dennis Karlsbrotten and seconded by Mark Sollien to approve the general budget. Motion carried.

### **Unfinished Business**

Shared Ministry: Anna informed us that the next shared ministry meeting is next Sunday in Burr Oak. She told us that the Synod was surprised by our attendance for our Round Robin Lenten Services. Hops and Hymns has been a success.

### **New Business**

Congregation discussed the joint services schedule and decided to keep it the same; alternating every other month. We are flexible and will adjust as needed. Dan indicated he has offered window air conditioners to Big Canoe to use during the hot summer months.

Congregation discussed removal of the right front pew to allow more room and installing a railing for safety purposes. Would perhaps use the back of the pew as the railing. Motion by Dennis Karlsbrotten and seconded by Al Erickson to remove the pew on the right front side and install a railing. Motion carried.

Aase Haugen Donation: Dan Dutka informed us that they are in need of \$300,000 for the new chapel. They are suggesting a target gift goal of \$4348.00 per year for three years. Much discussed ensued. Motion by Louise Jetson to leave this up to the council to decide our gift goal. Darlene offered a friendly amendment that the congregation set the gift goal amount, but leave it to the counsel to decide how we would do it or raise the money. Anna offered another amendment that we set our gift goal at \$1000 per year for three years. Gary Halverson offered another friendly amendment that we use the \$1000 local benevolence for this purpose if not used by the end of the year. Motion and their amendments carried.

Other items: Anna spoke on two items from the Big Canoe Annual meeting that may be of interest to us. 1. A joint Education Committee and 2. Time and Talent Survey to all members. A committee is needed to decide if we want our own tool or use the instrument that Big Canoe is using. The joint education committee was informally approved. Consensus is that we should use the same survey tool as Big Canoe. Both items will be added to our next council meeting agenda.

There being for further business motion by Karen Erickson and seconded by Mark Sollien to adjourn. Motion carried. Meeting adjourned at 2:03 PM.

Closed with the Lord's Prayer.

Respectfully submitted, Darlene Larson Sollien, Secretary.



# ~ Shared Ministry Newsletter ~ March 2024



\*To submit information for the monthly Shared Ministry newsletter, please email Linda Tolstad at [Linda.Tolstad49@gmail.com](mailto:Linda.Tolstad49@gmail.com)  
By: March 15th for the April 2024 Newsletter

**LENTEN CHALLENGE!**  
Each church/parish in the Shared Ministry Group has been "challenged" to put together (40) Personal Care Kits for Lutheran World Relief by Easter! Information about what is contained in the kits can be found at [Lwr.org/kits/personal-care-kits/instructions](http://Lwr.org/kits/personal-care-kits/instructions) or check with the WELCA organization in your church.

**Over The Bible Study**  
All are invited to join us for Bible Study held at Highland Lutheran Church March 8, 2024 at 9:30 am!  
Discussion centers around Bible studies in the GATHER Magazine, an ELCA publication.  
**Bring a friend!**

**SHARED MINISTRY MEETING HIGHLIGHTS**  
The Shared Ministry Group met on Sunday, February 11th at 12:30 pm in Burr Oak. Highlights from the meeting include: \* **Updates on Round Robin Planning** \* **Invitation to Youth from area churches to attend Vacation Bible School in Burr Oak.** Info on date & curriculum will come later \* **Brief discussion on Caring Callers** \* **World Day of Prayer.** Anna presented a possible option for a second "World Day of Prayer. It was decided to plan a second event for Saturday, March 2nd at Big Canoe to provide another opportunity for those who cannot attend on a weekday. \* **Easter Vigil:** Due to short time frame it was decided to place this on next year's agenda when planning the Round Robin.



**WEDNESDAY MORNING LENTEN BIBLE STUDY**  
St. John's & Hauge Parish is holding a Bible Study at Wineshiek Wildberry Winery during Lent. Bible Study will meet at 9:00 am on Wednesday, February 21st & 28th, and on March 6th, 13th & 20th. Pastor Randy Kittleson will lead Bible Study. Coffee and treats will be provided. All are welcome to attend!



**World Day of Prayer**  
World Day of Prayer is a global, ecumenical event welcoming women to gather and join with one another in prayer and action for peace and justice. This year there are two opportunities to participate: Friday, March 1st at 9 am at First United Methodist Church in Decorah; and Saturday, March 2nd at 9 am in the Fellowship Hall at Big Canoe Lutheran Church. Scripture basis from Ephesians 4:1-3: "I beg you ... bear with one another in love." (by women in Palestine). Come and join us!



**Laura Ingals Wilder Museum Annual Spaghetti Supper/Fundraiser**  
Sunday, March 9, 2024 4:30—7:00 pm at Decorah Lutheran Church  
Live Auction and homemade pies! Adults: \$15 Children: \$5 (age 5-12)  
Age 4 and under: Free Carryouts available.

Worship Services ~ March 2024					
	March 3	March 10 Daylight Savings Time begins!	March 17	March 24 March 28 March 29	
 <b>Highland Big Canoe</b> Pr: Waldemar Gies, Int	Joint worship 10:00 am at Big Canoe	Joint worship 10:00 am at Big Canoe	Joint worship 10:00 am at Big Canoe	10 am Palm Sunday at Big Canoe 6:30 Maundy Thursday/Highland 6:30 Good Friday at Big Canoe	8 am Easter worship at Big Canoe 10 am Easter worship at Highland
<b>Burr Oak</b> Pr: David Werges, Lisa Kammerer—Deaean	8:30 am/HC Coffee/Fellowship	8:30 am Coffee/Fellowship	8:30 am/HC Coffee/Fellowship	8:30 am Palm Sun. Coffee/Fellowship	6:30 am Sunrise in Burr Oak 8:30 am—Easter Worship Burr Oak/HC 10:00 am Easter Worship in Hesper/HC
<b>Hesper</b>	10:00 am/HC	10:00 am	10:00 am/HC	10:00 am Palm Sun. Maundy Thursday 7 pm—Hesper/HC Good Friday 7 pm Burr Oak	7 am Sunrise service & Breakfast at Glenwood. 9:30 am Canoe Ridge Easter Service
<b>Canoe Ridge</b>	8:30 am Coffee/Fellowship	10:30 am	8:30 am Coffee/Fellowship	Palm Sunday: 8:30 Gldw 10:30/CR Maundy Thursday: 7 pm Gldw. Good Friday 7 pm CR	Joint Easter Worship 9:30 am at Hauge
<b>Glenwood</b> Pr: Matthew Raselbr	8:30 am Coffee/Fellowship	8:30 am Coffee/Fellowship	8:30 am Coffee/Fellowship	10:30 am	Joint Worship/HC 9:30 am at St. John's
<b>St. John's</b>	Joint Worship/HC 9:30 am at St. John's	Joint worship/HC 9:30 am at Hauge	Joint Worship/HC 9:30 am at St. John's	March 24: Palm Sunday Joint Worship/HC at St. John's. Good Friday at 6 pm/ St. John's	
<b>Hauge</b> Pr: Randy Kittleson	Joint Worship/HC 9:30 am at St. John's	Joint worship/HC 9:30 am at Hauge	Joint Worship/HC 9:30 am at St. John's		

**Upcoming Events—2024**  
Mar. 1— 9:00 am: World Day of Prayer at First United Methodist Church in Decorah  
Mar. 2— 9:00 am—World Day of Prayer at Big Canoe Lutheran Church  
Mar. 6, 13 & 20: 9:00 am: Lenten Bible Study at Wineshiek Wildberry Winery  
Apr. 20—Upper Iowa River Cluster meeting at Good Shepherd Lutheran in Decorah

**Websites:**  
[www.WomenoftheELCA.org](http://www.WomenoftheELCA.org)  
[www.NEIASynod.org](http://www.NEIASynod.org)  
[www.bchlutheran.org](http://www.bchlutheran.org) Big Canoe/Highland Lutheran  
[www.glenwoodlutheran.org](http://www.glenwoodlutheran.org) Glenwood/Canoe Ridge  
[www.bohlutheran.org](http://www.bohlutheran.org) Burr Oak/Hesper Lutheran  
[www.haugeatlutheran.com](http://www.haugeatlutheran.com) Hauge/St. John's Lutheran

**Lenten Round Robin Worship Schedule**  
Lenten worship is on a Round Robin schedule, alternating between area churches in the Shared Ministry Group. Ash Wednesday, Holy Week & Easter worship will be held in home churches. Meal at 6 pm. Choir practice at 6:30 pm and worship at 7 pm. Loose and undesignated offering will be equally divided between Decorah & Mabel food pantries.

Date	Location	Pastor
February 21	Burr Oak	Pr. Randy Kittleson
February 28	St. John's	Pr. David Werges
March 6	Hesper	Pr. Waldemar Gies
March 13	Big Canoe	Pr. Matthew Rossier
March 20	Canoe Ridge	Bishop Kevin Jones



# March 2024

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
3 <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>10:00 Joint Worship Big Canoe</li> <li>Communion</li> <li>Big Canoe Annual meeting</li> </ul>	4	5	6 Round Robin Lent service 7:00 PM Hesper	7 Hannah Circle 1:30 p.m. Big Canoe	8 Bible Study 9:30 a.m. Highland	9 Laura Ingalls Wilder Annual Spaghetti Supper, 4:30 -7:00 at Decorah Lutheran
10 <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>10:00 Joint Worship Big Canoe</li> <li>Communion</li> </ul>	11	12	13 Round Robin Lent service 7:00 PM Big Canoe	14	15	16
17 <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>10:00 Joint Worship Big Canoe</li> </ul>	18	19	20 Round Robin Lent service 7:00 PM - Canoe Ridge BC WELCA 8:30 quilters Lunch @ noon, meeting @12:30	21	22	23
24 Palm Sunday <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>10:00 Joint Worship Big Canoe</li> </ul>	25	26	27	28 Maundy Thursday service 6:30 PM Highland	29 Good Friday service 6:30 PM Big Canoe	30
31 Big Canoe Easter Service 8:00 AM breakfast & pie auction Highland Easter Service 10:00 AM	April 1	April 2	April 3	April 4	April 5	April 6 Sunday services in April at Highland, 10:00 a.m.

Big Canoe & Highland website:  
[www.bchlutheran.org](http://www.bchlutheran.org)