

Big Canoe & Highland Lutheran Church

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May 2022

NEWSLETTER

April WORSHIP TIMES

Highland 9:00 a.m. – Big Canoe 11:00 a.m.



Thank you!

- Hannah Circle will meet Thursday, May 5th, 1:30, Shirley Bigler's home.
- Big Canoe Council Meeting, Tuesday, May 10th, 6:30 p.m.
- Bible Study/Gather Magazine, Highland, Friday, May 13th, 9:30 a.m. All are invited to join. Any questions, please contact Louise Jetson – 507-498-3216.
- Highland ELCA meeting, Sunday, May 15th after early church.
- Big Canoe WELCA Bingo, Aase Haugen, Tuesday, May 17th, 2:00 p.m. We need five or six volunteers. Please contact Emma Thompson if you can help. (No regular meeting for May).
- Memorial Day luncheons:
 - Highland, 7:30 a.m. after a short service in the cemetery.
 - Big Canoe, lite lunch with open face sandwiches, salads, bars, coffee, water. Free will offering. Five volunteers are needed for salads and four for bars. Contact Emma Thompson.

A big thank you to all that contributed to the Health Car Kit Challenge. We had enough for 58 kits! All LWR kits and quilts will be loaded on May 7 at Olson's Explosives in Decorah between 7:30 and 10:30 am.

The Luther League pie auction was a success! \$2974 was raised! Half of it will go towards church repairs and the other half will go towards the Luther League mission trip in July. Thank you to everyone who brought pies, id at the auction, and came to the breakfast. A big thank you to Bobby Young for donating the eggs and to Bev & Gary Stortz of Highland General Store for donating some of the food and supplies for the breakfast, and to the parents & kids who helped with the breakfast. The students never cease to amaze me! They are awesome and I am very proud of all of them! Tammy Nordheim - Luther League advisor

BORRESON FAMILY BENEFIT DINNER

JUNE 5TH, 11:00 A.M. TO 2:00 P.M.

BIG CANOE CHURCH

MIKE REICKS 3-PIECE CHICKEN DINNER WITH SIDES

DRIVE THROUGH PICK UP OR PICNIC ON OUR LAWN

TICKETS - \$15.00

CHECKS MADE PAYABLE TO: BIG CANOE SOCIAL CONCERNS



~ Shared Ministry Newsletter ~

May 2022

At a recent Shared Ministry Group meeting it was decided to make an informational page available for churches to distribute to their congregations. This page will **include events of interest, worship times, and other pertinent information.**

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

by May 5th for the June Newsletter

Synod Assembly Ride Share

The NE IA Synod Assembly will take place in Waverly June 10th & 11th. I will be travelling to the assembly for the Saturday session and would have room for a couple of additional passengers. Please contact me at 563-419-7427 or linda.folstad49@gmail.com if interested.

Linda Folstad
Hesper Lutheran Church



You are invited to join us for monthly Bible Study held at Highland Lutheran Church on Friday May 13th at 9:30 am.

Discussions center around Bible Studies from **GATHER** Magazine, an ELCA publication.

Currently, there is a special available. New subscribers can order a one year subscription for \$ 9.95, which is half off the regular price of \$19.95). You may also gift a free, two issue trial subscription of the magazine to a new subscriber. For more information please contact Louise Jetson at 507-498-3216, or visit www.gathermagazine.org.



Come and join us for Bible Study. All are welcome!




Memorial Day Service

May 30, 2022 at 7:30 am

Highland Lutheran Church Cemetery

Join us in the church basement for coffee, sandwiches, bars and fellowship following the service at the cemetery.

Worship Services in May

	May 1	May 8	May 15	May 22	May 29
Highland Big Canoe	9:00 am 11:00 am	9:00 am 11:00 am	9:00 am 11:00 am	10:00 am joint worship at Highland Potluck Dinner	9:00 am 11:00 am
Burr Oak Hesper	8:30 am 10:00 am	8:30 am 10:00 am	8:30 am 10:00 am Baccalaureate	8:30 am 10:00 am	8:30 am 10:00 am
Glenwood Canoe Ridge					
Hauge St. John's	10:30 am	9:00 am	10:30 am	9:00 am	10:30 am

Hesper Lutheran Church WELCA would like to express a heartfelt "Thank you" to those who attended our annual Spring Brunch held April 10th. After being cancelled two years in a row due to the pandemic it was a blessing to be able to gather again to enjoy a meal and fellowship with many neighbors and friends from area churches and the community.



Ukraine Crisis

The ELCA along with Lutheran Church partners in Europe continue to respond to the situation in Ukraine and Eastern Europe. Lutheran Disaster Relief has provided immediate support with items such as food, blankets, water, and hygiene kits while Lutheran World Relief has provided quilts Personal Care and various other Kits. Our churches here have played an important part in the mission to provide humanitarian aid by sewing quilts, assembling LWR Kits and making monetary donations.

Missionaries Pastors Zach and Rachel from the ELCA Companion Synod in Hungary ask for prayer support.

"Please continue to pray for our partner churches in the region, and the incredible work that they are doing to show God's love and mercy to people in a great hour of need. Pray for all those in Central and Eastern Europe who are affected by this situation, and most of all pray for a swift and merciful end to the violence."

Future Dates:

LWR Ingathering: May 7 7:30—10:30 am at Olson Explosives in Decorah.
EWALU: May 7: 8 am—4 pm Work day to prepare for summer camp
SYNOD ASSEMBLY: June 10-11 at Wartburg College, Waverly
SWO GATHERING: June 18 at St. John Lutheran, Nashua
ELCA CHURCHWIDE ASSEMBLY— August 8-13, Columbus, OH

Websites:

www.ELCA.org
www.WomenoftheELCA.org
www.NEIASynod.org
www.bohlutheran.org Burr Oak and Hesper Lutheran
www.bchlutheran.org Big Canoe and Highland Lutheran
www.glenwoodlutheran.org Glenwood Lutheran Church

Highland Lutheran Church
Council Meeting
April 10, 2022

Call to Order

The April 10, 2022 meeting of the Highland Lutheran Church council was called to order by President Joyce Bjerke at approximately 9:37 a.m. Others in attendance were: Virginia Karlsbrotten, Mark Sollien, Secretary Danny Dutka, Treasurer Anna Jetson, Darlene Sollien, Karen Erickson.

Secretary Report

Danny Dutka read the minutes of the March 6, 2022 meeting. Moved by Karen Erickson, seconded by Darlene Sollien to approve the minutes as read. Motion carried by voice vote.

Treasurer Report

Anna Jetson provided printed and verbal information on the finances of the church. Balances as of April 3, 2022 are: Current \$7,158.32, Benevolence \$246.00, Anniversary Fund \$365.10, Improvement Fund \$65,445.96, Scholarship Fund \$5860.99. The Lenten offerings are designated to go to ELCA Disaster Relief. Since we are not having some of the Wednesday evening services a question arose as to whether the offerings are comparable to past years. This will be reviewed again after Easter. The printed Treasurer reports will be filed for audit.

Other

Danny Dutka stated that he has hired Ward Budweg to replace the east window of the addition, has contacted Jake's Roofing to get an estimate / proposal to fix the roof leak at the bell tower area and had previously contacted Driftless Gardens of Decorah to give a proposal to update the landscaping at the north door. Still waiting for responses from the latter two. He noted that Henzlers seem to have closed and asked for names of other landscapers in the area. Pinter's and Ladybug Landscapes were suggested.

Virginia Karlsbrotten has spoken with two area Pastors who are willing to provide coverage for funerals in case Pastor Gies is unavailable.

Mark Sollien who is on the Cemetery Committee stated that Total Lawn Care will be doing the mowing this season. Bob Maroushek had previously informed the Committee that he would no longer be able to do the mowing.

Membership Review

The membership ledger has been obtained from the office at Big Canoe. There appears to be omissions and outdated information. Anna has started recording information in a database so that it can be more easily reviewed. Virginia and Darlene have volunteered to compose a letter that will be sent out to gather information and encourage participation in Highland church life.

Adjournment

Due to the late hour a motion to adjourn was made by Karen Erickson and seconded by Danny Dutka. Motion carried by voice vote.

Respectfully submitted by,

Danny Dutka
Highland Secretary

Big Canoe Council Meeting, Tuesday, April 12, 2022

The Big Canoe Church Council met on April 12, 2022 for its regular monthly meeting. Members in attendance were President Pat O'Regan, Treasurer Laurie Emery, Bill Stone, Vern Whitaker, Rita Thomas, Liz Schafer and Shelly Bigler. Rita led us in devotions from Ps. 100.

The secretary's report was approved as read and placed on file.

The treasurer reported a quarterly balance of \$11,367.99 on hand and all bills paid. The parsonage account has a balance of \$3,330.98. The Lenten collection will be donated to the Decorah Community Food Pantry by unanimous consent of the council.

Our Tuck Point project was discussed. The southwest corner of the church and the south wall under the fascia are in very poor shape. Before we get further bids, it was decided that we meet and look over the entire exterior of the church for any other work that may need to be done. The congregation is invited to help us on April 24 after worship.

Permanent replacements of the alter candles was discussed. Currently we are using disposable candles and they have to be replaced frequently to the tune of \$90 every three months. Funds have been secured to purchase permanent, refillable candles at an approximate price of \$900.

The Easter Breakfast and pie auction were discussed.

The Sunday School checking account needs to have its checking account signers updated. Motioned by Liz and seconded by Vern, approved by unanimous consent that the list of signers be updated to include Tammy Nordheim, Ashley Borresen or Shelly Bigler, the current Sunday School Committee members.

The Luther League checking account signers will also be updated. Motioned by Liz and seconded by Vern, approved by unanimous consent that Tammy Nordheim or Shelly Bigler be allowed to write checks from the Luther League account.

The Congregational financial and stewardship report has been sent to the synod by Pat. We discussed changing how we handle our money. Most of it is in CDs which are paying nothing. No conclusion was reached.

The Council will meet June 5 after church to discuss and make final adjustment to the Call Packet before it is sent to the synod.

Inspection of the Parsonage will be on June 1 after the renters move out. If approved, they will receive their deposit back.

The GeoParish newspaper was briefly discussed and items mentioned to be submitted to it.

The Nathan Borresen Fund raiser was discussed. Motioned by Rita, seconded by Liz and approved by unanimous consent that the Social Concerns Committee will sponsor the event to be held on June 5, 2022. Mike Reicks Chicken will cater the event and tickets will be \$15/ meal. Tickets should be available by May 15.

It was brought to the attention of the Council there were not enough handicap spots in front of the church. We discussed designating at least three more handicap parking spots. Council agreed it is a good idea and we will pursue what needs to be done.

It has also been mentioned to the Council that we designate a Sunday, perhaps in the fall, that members be invited to drive their antique cars to church and others be invited to bring they're antique cars or trucks to join us. More discussion will be held next month.

The Cradle memorial burial pall dedication will be held June 6.

Vanco automatic withdrawal giving was tabled until our May meeting.

Motioned by Liz and seconded by Vern that we adjourn with the Lord's Prayer. Vern led the prayer and the meeting was adjourned.

May 2022

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
1 HI 9:00 a.m. BC 11:00 a.m. Communion services Confirmation	2	3	4	5 Hannah Circle 1:30, Shirley Bigler's	6	7 LWR truck loads
8 HI 9:00 a.m. BC 11:00 a.m. Communion services <i>Mother's Day</i>	9	10 Big Canoe Council meeting, 6:30 p.m.	11	12	13 Bible Study/Gather Magazine at Highland, 9:30 a.m.	14
15 HI 9:00 a.m. Highland ELCA mtg. BC 11:00 a.m.	16 Newsletter items due	17 Big Canoe WELCA Bingo at Aase, 2:00	18	19	20	21
22 HI 9:00 a.m. BC 11:00 a.m. Decorah High School graduation, 2:00 p.m.	23	24	25	26	27 Spring Grove graduation	28
29 HI 9:00 a.m. BC 11:00 a.m.	30 Memorial Day Big Canoe Memorial Day lunch Highland Memorial Day lunch	31	June 1	June 1	June 3 Mabel-Canton graduation, 7:00 p.m.	June 4
June 5 BC 9:00 a.m. HI 11:00 a.m. Nathan Borreson fundraiser - Mike Reicks chicken dinner			HIGHLAND EVANGELICAL LUTHERAN CHURCH - custodial 1 st – Lowell Walhus 8 th – Dennis Karlbroten 15 th – Gary Halverson 22 nd – Mark Sollien 29 th – Ed Stoen		Big Canoe & Highland website: www.bchlutheran.org	