

Big Canoe & Highland Lutheran Churches

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NEWSLETTER

NOVEMBER WORSHIP TIMES - Big Canoe 10:00 a.m.

Coffee at Highland: There will be a sign-up sheet in the sacristy at Highland for people to sign up to serve coffee after church services. Please note that this can be anyone to purchase cookies/bars and serve coffee. Also, if anyone from Highland would be willing to help with any tasks around the church like changing altar cloths or some light housekeeping, that would be great. That person should contact Darlene or Virginia Karlsbrotten.

All are invited to join us for KPAUCGG on Sunday mornings at 9:00 am. We are learning the stories of scripture. In case you are wondering KPAUCGG stands for Kids, Parents, Aunts, Uncles, Cousins, Grandparents, and Great Grands!

Shared Ministry Meeting will be at Big Canoe on November 19, starting with a potluck at noon, meeting to begin at 12:15 pm. We will be discussing our development and growth and upcoming projects. The goal of this group is to discuss completed projects, check progress on projects in planning, and to consider future projects or ways we can Grow in our Faith and Live out the Mission of Jesus Christ together.

Highland Congregation: Please note that we have only paid 48% of our 2023 designated benevolence. If you have questions or recommendations for next year, please discuss with the council members. Thank you, Highland Treasurer Anna Jetson.

Big Canoe WELCA – thank you to all who donated food and items for our garage/bake sale. Also, to those who have helped with cleaning before and after, setting up, during and taking down. Items that were left were taken to the depot.

We are collecting items for the food closet during the month of November. Non-perishable items only please. There will be a container in the entry of the church for this and one for cash donations for those who would rather donate cash.

Thank you from Big Canoe WELCA to all that contributed to the LWR Personal Care Kits. We had a total of 60 for the truck. To whoever left some fabric in the entry, it will be put to good use.

Big Canoe WELCA Meeting
Wednesday, Nov. 15
Noon for lunch
Meeting to follow at approximately 12:30

Hannah Circle meeting
November 2nd
1:30 p.m.
Big Canoe Church

Big Canoe Lutheran Church Council Meeting, October 8, 2023

The Big Canoe church council met for its rescheduled monthly meeting on October 8, following services and lunch at the Highland Church. Members present were: Shelly Bigler, Pat O'Regan, Pastor Gies, Treasurer Laurie Emery, Vern Whitaker, Brian Bigler and Rita Thomas.

Brian called the meeting to order and Pastor Gies led us in a short devotion and prayer.

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

Treasurer reported a balance of \$1,855.55. Her report was accepted and placed on file.

OLD BUSINESS

- **Confirmation report** – Shelly reported that most of the plans as of right now are on hold as the new Pastor at Glenwood is just getting settled in and would like a month or so to get better acquainted with the congregations before forming any concrete plans.
- **CD report** – Pat stated that CDs at the moment are paying around 5.5%. We will be closing our old CD's and reinvesting at the higher rate.
- Paul Hexom has requested that his membership be transferred back to Big Canoe. Request will be granted.
- The Big Canoe organ needs to be repaired and the pianos need tuning. Kathryn will handle the arrangements.
- The Big Canoe WELCA will be holding a chicken dinner drive through next June.
- We still need to get another bid for our tuck-point project.

NEW BUSINESS

Since Christmas Eve is on a Sunday, it was decided to have only the Christmas Eve service at 4:30 p.m. on that day and dispense with the regular Sunday morning service at Big Canoe. **Christmas day service will be at 10:00 a.m. on December 25.**

Ash Wednesday is early this year on February 14, 2024.

The **Lenten** services will be: supper 6:00 p.m., choir practice at 6:30 p.m., and church service at 7:00 p.m.

- Where they will be held has not yet been determined.

Maunday Thursday services will be 6:30 p.m. at Highland. **Good Friday** service at 6:30 p.m. at Big Canoe.

Easter services will be March 31, 2024: Big Canoe at 8:00 a.m. with breakfast and pie auction to follow, and Highland service at 10:00am.

The money from the pie auction proceeds was discussed. No decision was reached on how it should be divided.

There is a female seminary student from Waukon who may be available as interim pastor or at least be able to share duties with Pastor Gies. Pastor will speak with her and see if she is amenable to the idea and if she would be suitable. He will report to the council.

Winter cancellation of services was discussed. It was decided that Pastor would speak to both council Presidents and they would make a joint decision. It could be such that Pastor could not be here and the council Presidents would decide if we wanted to hold a service on our own.

With no further business the meeting was adjourned and Pastor Gies lead us in the Lord's Prayer.

Respectfully submitted, Rita Thomas - Secretary

Highland Lutheran Church Council Meeting, October 15, 2023

Call to Order

The October 15, 2023 meeting of the Highland Lutheran Church Council was called to order by President Steve Langland at 11:04 a.m. at the Highland Lutheran Church. Council members in attendance: President Steve Langland, Vice President Mark Sollien, Secretary Darlene Sollien, Anna Jetson council member and Treasurer, and council members Virginia Karlsbrotten and Al Erickson. Pastor led council in short devotion and prayer.

Secretary's Report

A motion was made by Anna Jetson and seconded by Mark Sollien to suspend the reading of the minutes and to approve. Motion carried.

Financial Report

Anna Jetson provided printed materials for the monthly/quarterly reports. Balances as of October 5, 2023 were:

Current	\$18,099.10	Benevolence	\$274.00	Anniversary Fund	\$375.10
Improvement Fund	\$73,938.71	Scholarship Fund	\$5,824.65		

Anna noted that we have only met 48% of the benevolence budget with only one quarter left. She was instructed to make an announcement at church, put something in both the newsletter and the bulletin. There were no other questions or concerns.

A motion was made by Mark Sollien and seconded by Al Erickson to approve the 3rd quarter 2023 financial report. Motion carried by unanimous vote. The October 2023 financial report is subject to audit.

Old Business

1. **Congregational meeting next Sunday:** Steve wanted to be sure that we were prepared for the congregational meeting next Sunday regarding the altar rail and chairs. Steve did some checking on redoing the chairs and estimated cost is \$300 to \$500 each.
2. **Retaining Wall:** Steve informed the group that the removal of the retaining wall should start in a couple of weeks. Virginia suggested that we have a professional redo the landscaping for us. All were in agreement with that suggestion. Briefly discussed the request for funds from the Depot and anyone going to ask for funds should be prepared to answer questions about our project. Current request is for replacing the inside doors in the basement. Dan Dutka has a price of \$840.00 per door/frame (that does not include installation.) These doors need to be custom made and the price reflects that.

New Business

1. **Christmas Services:** Pastor informed us of the proposal that was accepted by Big Canoe.
 - Regular worship services in December will be at Highland.
 - December 17th, services will be at Big Canoe for the children's Christmas program.
 - Sunday December 24th no regular church service but there will be a 4:30 PM Christmas Eve candle light service with Holy Communion at Highland.
 - Christmas Day, 10:00 AM service at Big Canoe with Holy Communion.
2. **Lenten Services 2024:** Pastor informed us of the proposal that was accepted by Big Canoe.
 - Ash Wednesday, February 14th, Big Canoe with Holy Communion.
 - Easter, March 31, Separate services: 8:00 AM service at Big Canoe, with 10:00 AM service at Highland
 - March 28, Maundy Thursday service at 6:30 with Holy Communion at Highland
 - March 29, Good Friday services at Big Canoe with no communion.
Holden Evening Prayer will be used for the round robin services and there is a preliminary plan as to where they will be held. A meal will be served at 5:45 or 6:00 PM prior to services.
Counsel accepted the proposal as presented and it's OK to publicize.
3. **Winter Services:** Discussion held with regard to any proposals that may come up at the joint meeting with regard to where services are held Big Canoe, Highland, sanctuary or basement. Counsel is willing to work out whatever is needed.
4. **New Vacuum:** We will talk to Joyce and Lyle about the vacuum and see if they would like something different.
5. **Other:** Mark indicated that the AED equipment needs to be checked. Dan Dutka has taken care of this for us so we have no issues. We do need training. We will train for use not certification. Training will be set on December 10th after church. Lisa Bullerman is the contact for this.

Anna indicated that she noticed a couple of the stained-glass panels above the entrance door are broken. No real concerns at this time as there is a storm on the outside. Perhaps Depot money could be used to repair. Various appreciation gifts were discussed.

We agreed to donate \$500 to the Fall Appeal for the Synod. We can take the monies from the scholarship fund. Discussed having clean up days where everyone helps to clean the church or sign up for certain duties.

Anna asked that we think about areas of growth and training; specifically think about the usage of our building. Motion by Mark Sollien and second by Virginia Karlsbrotten to adjourn. Motion carried. We closed with the Lord's Prayer. The meeting ended at 12:05 PM.

Respectfully submitted, Darlene Sollien, Highland Secretary



~ Shared Ministry Newsletter ~ November 2023



UPCOMING SHARED MINISTRY MEETING

Sunday, November 19th at Big Canoe Lutheran Church. Potluck Dinner at Noon. Bring a dish to share. Meeting begins at 12:15 pm. All are welcome!

*To submit information for the monthly Shared Ministry newsletter, please email Linda Folsstad at linda.folsstad49@gmail.com
By: November 15th for the December 2023 Newsletter

WELCOME TO PR. MATTHEW ROSSLER!

Pr. Matthew Rossler was ordained at Trinity Lutheran Church in Mason City on Saturday, October 14, 2023. He has accepted the call to serve the Glenwood/Canoe Ridge Lutheran Parish in rural Decorah and was installed as their pastor on Sunday, October 15th. We extend a warm welcome to Pr. Rossler!

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Burr Oak Lutheran Church · MEATBALL SUPPER
Wednesday, November 1, 2023
Drive-thru only. Serving 4:00–7:00 pm
MEAT: Meatballs, Real Mashed Potatoes, Gravy, Green Beans, Coleslaw, Rolls and Pumpkin Pie.
Meal Price is \$15 and advance ticket purchase is preferred.
Tickets may be purchased from Barb Barth, Jess Radiske, Leslie Cook or Linda Folsstad. Also available at Letterwerks, Red Roxy, Quilts, Viking State Bank, Canton State Bank, Harmony State Bank, Barney's in Burr Oak and Kwik

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FLASHBACK! Youth & Chaperones from the 1985 Youth Gathering in Denver, CO.

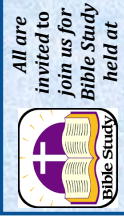


Picture includes members from Big Canoe, Highland, Burr Oak, Hesper and other area churches. Many familiar faces including Pr. Marilyn Hansen (back row far right) who was serving Burr Oak & Hesper during this time. If churches hadn't joined together to go on the trip, how many would have been able to go?

Thank you to Anna Jenson for sharing this picture!

lwa Bishop's ride for ELCA World Hunger at RAGBRAI raised \$92,596 exceeding the projected goal of \$50,000!

All are invited to join us for Bible Study held at Highland Lutheran Church November 10th 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.



Sunday Worship Services ~ November 2023				
	November 5 ALL SAINTS SUNDAY	November 12	November 19	November 26
Highland Big Canoe Pr. Waldemar Gies, Interim	Joint worship 10:00 am at Big Canoe	Joint worship 10:00 am at Big Canoe	Joint worship 10:00 am at Big Canoe	Joint worship 10:00 am at Big Canoe
Burr Oak	8:30 am Coffee Hour	8:30 am Coffee Hour	8:30 am Coffee Hour	8:30 am. Coffee Hour
Hesper Pr. David Werges Deacon: Lisa Kammerer	10:00 am	10:00 am	10:00 am	10:00 am Noisy Offering Collection
Canoe Ridge	8:30 am 9:30 am: SS/Coffee Hour at CR	10:30 am 9:30 am: SS/Coffee Hour at Glenwood	8:30 am 9:30 am: SS/Coffee Hour at CR	10:30 am 9:30 am: SS/Coffee Hour at Glenwood
Glenwood Pr. Matthew Rossler	10:30 am	8:30 am	10:30 am	8:30 am
St. John's Hauge Pr. Randy Kittleson	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

Upcoming Events

Nov. 4: LWK Ingathering at Olson Explosives in Decorah—7:30—10:30 am

Nov. 5: Daylight Savings Time ends

Nov. 19: Shared Ministry Meeting at Big Canoe

Apr. 20, 2024: Upper Iowa River Cluster meeting at Good Shepherd Lutheran in Decorah


Mayo Clinic Conference on Brain Health and Dementia—November 4, 2023 from 9 am to 4:50 pm. Live Stream at Mabel Community Center in Mabel, MN. COST: Free. Pre-register to receive lunch. Call Shirley Houser 507-493-5895; Email nengrav@yahoo.com or louiskeitelboer@gmail.com for more information.

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



November 2023

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
			1	2 Hannah Circle 1:30 p.m. Big Canoe	3	4
5 • KPAUCGG 9:00 AM • Coffee & Christ, 9:00 AM • Service-Big Canoe 10 AM • Communion	6	7	8	9	10 Gather Bible Study 9:30 a.m. Highland	11
162 • KPAUCGG 9:00 AM • Coffee & Christ, 9:00 AM • Service-Big Canoe 10 AM	13	14	15 Big Canoe WELCA Meeting Noon for lunch Meeting at approximately 12:30	16	17	18
19 • KPAUCGG 9:00 AM • Coffee & Christ, 9:00 AM • Service-Big Canoe 10 AM • Shared Ministry meeting, 12:15, Big Canoe	20	21	22	23 	24	25
26 • KPAUCGG 9:00 AM • Coffee & Christ, 9:00 AM • Service-Big Canoe 10 AM	27	28	29	30	December 1	December 2
December 3 • KPAUCGG 9:00 AM • Coffee & Christ, 9:00 AM • Service-Highland 10 AM				Big Canoe & Highland website: www.bchlutheran.org		