

Big Canoe & Highland Lutheran Churches

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June

NEWSLETTER

2026

Worship Services:

Big Canoe 1st & 3rd Sunday at 10 am

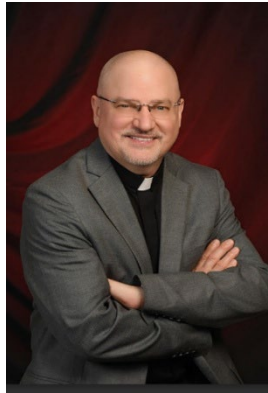
Highland 2nd & 4th Sunday at 10 am

5th Sunday dates:

March 29, November 29 at Big Canoe

May 31, August 30 at Highland

1st and 2nd Sundays with Holy
Communion



Rev. Dr. Matthew Becker:

219-916-8535

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bchlutheran@gmail.com

To call and leave a message for either
church or Pastor Becker: 563-546-7974

Pastor Becker's Sunday morning Bible Class

8:45 am each
Sunday, class will be
in the fellowship hall
of the church of
service and last
about 50 minutes.

Please consider
taking advantage of
this educational
opportunity as a way
to grow in your
Christian faith. The
adult class is
studying the Gospel
according to St.
Matthew. All are
welcome to attend!



The Gather Bible study at Highland

is now on the
second Tuesday of
the month at 2 pm.
If you are not
currently receiving
the Gather
magazine, please
contact Anna
Jetson to get a copy
of the Bible Study.
(If school is
canceled due to
weather, the Bible
study is canceled.)

Lord Hear Our Prayer

Loving and Merciful God,

We lift before You the hearts and bodies of our dear family and friends who are in pain.

Wrap them in Your gentle embrace and let Your healing light flow through every part of their being. Grant them strength when they feel weary, peace when fear tries to take hold, and hope that shines brighter than the shadows of illness. Bless the hands of those who care for them and guide every treatment toward restoration.

May Your comfort be their constant companion, and may they feel Your presence in every breath, every heartbeat, and every moment of rest. We trust in Your unfailing love, and we thank You for the healing You are already bringing forth. *Amen.*

The current prayer list includes the following individuals from our circle of family and friends; Hunter, Vern G., Vern W., Sandy, Bob Linda, Hailey, Brooke, Loren, Barb, Jim, Randy, Maria, Gerald, Ron F., Scott, Michael, Dennis, Karen, Norman, Kristy, and Stacy.

If any changes need to be made to the prayer list, please let Pastor Becker know as he appreciates receiving updates for whom we pray.

Upcoming Events

May 29 – June 9: Pastor and Detra are on vacation (Pastor Gies will be serving on 5/31 and 6/7)

Sun, May 31 (8:45am): Bible class (Gospel of Matthew) meets in Fellowship Hall at Highland – Pr. Gies

Sun, May 31 (10am): Trinity Sunday w/Holy Communion at Highland – Fifth Sunday (white) – Pr. Gies

Sun, May 31 POTLUCK after church services @ Highland

Thru, June 4 (1pm) Big Canoe WELCA meets. Bible Study 3rd chapter in the Angel's book.

Sun, June 7 (8:45am): Bible class (Matthew) meets in the Fellowship Hall at Big Canoe – Pr. Gies

Sun, June 7 (10am): Worship w/Holy Communion at Big Canoe – 2nd Sun. after Pent. (green) – Pr. Gies

Fri, June 12 (10am): Pastor Becker leads the worship service at Green Lea Manor (Mabel)

Sun, June 14 (8:45am): Bible class (Gospel of Matthew) meets in the Fellowship Hall at Highland

Sun, June 14 (10am): Worship w/Holy Communion at Highland – 3rd Sun. after Pent. (green)

Sun, June 14 (after worship): Highland church council meets at Highland

June 15-18: Pr. Becker will be in Valparaiso, Ind.

Sun, June 21 (8:45am): Bible class (Gospel of Matthew) meets in the Fellowship Hall at Big Canoe

Sun, June 21 (10am): Service of the Word at Big Canoe – 4th Sun. after Pentecost (green) (Father's Day)

Sun, June 28 No Bible class at Highland

Sun, June 28 No Service of the Word at Highland – 5th Sun. after Pentecost (green)

Sun, June 28 No Highland WELCA. Will meet July 12.

Sun, June 28 (10am) Laura Days Ecumenical Worship at Barney's Grill Patio in Burr Oak.

Rain Location Burr Oak Lutheran Church

Sun, Aug 23 (after worship): Side-by-side event, starting at Highland (rain date Aug 30)

Highland WELCA has set a lofty goal of assembling 100 school kits for the LWR truck in November. Items needed are 70 80 page spiral notebooks, 30 centimeter rulers, pencil sharpeners, blunt scissors, unsharpened pencils, blue or black ballpoint pens (No Gel Ink), box of 24 crayons. There will be a tote at Highland to put items in. If you prefer to donate cash instead of shop, there will be a container available as well.

Please note: As of July 1, 2026, lots and perpetual care at the **Big Canoe** cemetery will be \$750 for everyone no matter if you're a member or a non-member if they want the old pricing, please pre-pay your lot and perpetual care before July 1.

Go therefore
and make
disciples
of all the
nations

THE
GREAT
COMMISSION



Shared Ministry Newsletter June 2026

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

By: June 15th for the
July 2026 Newsletter

All are
invited
to join
us for
Bible



Study held at Highland
Lutheran Church at
2:00 pm on Tuesday,
June 9th. Everyone is
welcome!

Shared Ministry Meeting

Tuesday
June 23, 2026
9:00 am

Big Canoe Lutheran
We will be making plans for the
Community Potluck & Worship
service event this fall and
discuss other activities. Come
join us and see what Shared
Ministry is all about.
Everyone is welcome!

SHARED
MINISTRY



For the **BEAUTY**
of the **EARTH**



NEIA Synodical Women's Organization
Convention & Gathering
Saturday, June 20, 2026

Our Savior's Lutheran Church; 2502 S. Jefferson St; Mason City, IA
*Learn about Northern Lights New Beginnings House of Hope for
Women & Children and the Beacon House of Mason City.*

Registration: \$30 by June 1st.

Contact Christine Schmitt (President) at candcschmitt@gmail.com

Or call 641-220-5361 for more information or

Nancy Poppe: 641-257-8199 regarding registration.

Laura Days in Burr Oak—50th Anniversary

Friday, June 26—Sunday, June 28, 2026

Parade: Saturday at Noon

* Historic Tours * Pie Auction * Pioneer Games * Craft Demonstrations
Music & BINGO
10:00 am Sunday—Ecumenical Worship Service at Barney's Bar & Grill
Rain location: Burr Oak Lutheran Church
Special Guest: Alison Amgrim known for her role as Nellie Oleson
in the TV series
"Little House on the Prairie"



Side-by-Side UTV Ride & BBQ

Date: August 23, 2026 (rain date August 30)

Location: **Highland Lutheran Church**


Schedule:

- 10:00 AM: Church Service
- 11:15 AM: Meal (You do not need to ride to join us to eat)
- 12:00 PM: UTV Ride Begins

Upcoming Events

June 6: C3 (Creative, Collaborative, Congregation) Conference at St. Paul's
Lutheran Church in Waverly
June 20: NEIA SWO Convention & Gathering at Our Savior's Lutheran Church
July 16-19: Women of the ELCA Triennial Gathering in Des Moines
Oct. 30—Nov. 1: Youth Gathering Expedition at Camp EWALU
June 28—July 2, 2027: ELCA Youth Gathering in Minneapolis, MN

Worship Services ~ June 2026

|  June 7 Second Sunday after Pentecost | June 14 Third Sunday after Pentecost | June 21 4th Sunday after Pentecost <i>Father's Day</i> | June 28 5th Sunday after Pentecost |
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| Highland & Big Canoe Pr. Matthew Becker <u>WEBSITE:</u> bchlutheran.org | 8:45 am— <i>Bible Study/ Big Canoe</i> (Gospel of Matthew) 10:00 am Worship/HC at Big Canoe | 8:45 am— <i>Bible Study/ Highland</i> (Gospel of Matthew) 10:00 am Worship/HC at Highland. | 8:45 am— <i>Bible Study/ Big Canoe</i> (Gospel of Matthew) 10:00 am Service of the Word at Big Canoe |
| Burr Oak <u>WEBSITE</u> bohllutheran.org Hesper Pr. David Werges Lisa Kammerer—Deacon | 10:00 am Worship/HC 8:30 am Worship/HC 9:30 am <i>Coffee Fellowship</i> | 10:00 am Worship 8:30 am Worship 9:30 am <i>Coffee Fellowship</i> | 8:30 am—Joint Burr Oak/Hesper Worship in Hesper. <i>"Donuts with Dads" Coffee Fellowship following worship</i> 10:00 am— <i>Laura Days Ecumenical Worship at Barney's Grill patio in Burr Oak.</i> Rain location: Burr Oak Lutheran Church. No regular worship services in Hesper or Burr Oak |
| St. John's & Hauge Pr. Randy Kittelson <u>Facebook:</u> Hauge and St. John's Lutheran Churches | Worship/HC 9:30 am at Hauge | Worship/HC 9:30 am at St. John's | Worship/HC 9:30 am at Hauge |
| Glenwood <u>WEBSITE:</u> Glenwoodlutheran.org Canoe Ridge | 10:30 am Worship 8:30 am Worship | 8:30 am Worship 10:30 am worship | 10:30 am Worship <i>Salad Luncheon Fundraiser following worship for Madilyn Beisker</i> 8:30 am Worship 10:30 am worship |

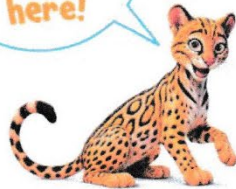
The Season of Pentecost is the longest season in the Lutheran Liturgical year. It begins 50 days after Easter and celebrates the descent of the Holy Spirit upon the disciples. The season focuses on the public ministry, teachings and miracles of Jesus, and ends in late fall with "Christ the King" Sunday. The color of the season is green, symbolizing the spiritual growth, vitality and new life in Christ. How God grows the church through His Word.



An adventure you'll fall for!



I hope to spot you here!



New friends 🌿 Amazing experiments 🌿 Creative games
Super-fun snacks 🌿 Surprising adventures 🌿 Incredible music

Location: Burr Oak Lutheran Church
(church name)

Save these dates: Mon June 15th - Thurs June 18th
(VBS dates)

Each day's fun happens from: 6-8 pm with a meal
(daily start and end times)

For more information, call or visit: 563-735-5925 church office
(church phone number and web address)

Register online here: www.bohlutheran.org
(registration web address)



Registration Form

(One Per Child)

Child's name: _____ Child's gender: _____

Child's age: _____ Date of birth: _____ Last school grade completed: _____

Name of parent(s): _____

Street address: _____

City: _____ State: _____ ZIP: _____

Home telephone: (____) _____

Parent/caregiver's cellphone: (____) _____

Home email address: _____

Home church: _____

Allergies, medical conditions, or special needs: _____



In case of emergency, contact: _____

Phone: _____

Relationship to child: _____

Crew number or name (for church use only): _____

Big Canoe – Highland Lutheran Church Calendar June 2026

| Sunday | Monday | Tuesday | Wednesday | Thursday | Friday | Saturday |
|--|---|--|---|--|---------------------------|---------------------------|
| | 1 | 2 | 3 | 4 | 5 | 6 |
| | | | | 1pm BC WELCA- Bible Study is 3 rd Chapter in your Angel book | | |
| 7 | 8 | 9 | 10 | 11 | 12 | 13 |
| 8:45am Bible Class @ Big Canoe 10am Church Service w/Holy Communion Pr. Gies | | Gather Bible Study @ Highland 2pm | | | | |
| 14 | 15 | 16 | 17 | 18 | 19 | 20 |
| 8:45 Bible Class @ Highland 10am Church Service w/Holy Communion H Church Council meets after services | | | | | | |
| 21 | 22 | 23 | 24 | 25 | 26 | 27 |
| 8:45 Bible class @ Big Canoe 10am Church Service Father's Day | NEWSLETTER DEADLINE FOR JULY | 9am Shared Ministry meeting @ Big Canoe | VBS at Burr Oak 6-8 pm. Need to register your child first | VBS at Burr Oak 6-8 pm | VBS at Burr Oak 6-8 pm | VBS at Burr Oak 6-8 pm |
| 28 | 29 | 30 | | | | |
| No Bible class, Church Service or WELCA @ Highland. 10am Ecmenical Worship @ Barney's Burr Oak Laura Ingall Days. | | | | | | |

Big Canoe Worship Planning - June

| Date | Altar Guild | Lay Reader | Comm Assist | Ushers | Coffee/treats |
|---------|---------------|------------|--------------------|--------|---------------|
| June 7 | Bev S & Amy O | Bill Stoen | Carol M & Laurie E | | |
| June 21 | Bev & Amy | Rita | N/A | | |
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Altar Guild: Green Paraments June 7 – 28th

Highland Worship Planning - June

| Date | Altar Guild | Lay Reader | Comm Assist | Ushers | Coffee |
|---------|---------------------|------------|--------------|---------------|--------|
| June 14 | Joyce | | Myron & Judi | Kristy & Gary | M & J |
| June 28 | No Church @Highland | N/A | N/A | N/A | N/A |

Big Canoe Worship Planning - July

| Date | Altar Guild | Lay Reader | Comm Assist | Ushers | Coffee |
|---------|---------------|------------|-------------|--------|--------|
| July 5 | Emma & Laurie | Rita | | | |
| July 19 | Emma & Laurie | | | | |

Highland Worship Planning - July

| Date | Altar Guild | Lay Reader | Comm Assist | Ushers | Coffee |
|---------|-------------|------------|--------------|--------|--------|
| July 12 | Judi | | Myron & Judi | | |
| July 26 | Judi | | | | |

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Reminder: May 31 POTLUCK at Highland
after church services. All are welcome!

Please scan the QR code below if you would like to donate online to either church.
Thank you for supporting the ministry of Big Canoe and Highland Lutheran Churches.

Big Canoe



Highland

