

# Big Canoe & Highland Lutheran Churches

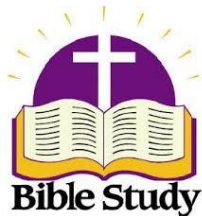
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## NEWSLETTER

### *Upcoming Events*

- **Jan-Feb:** Contact Pastor Becker if you would like him to bless your domicile in the Epiphany season.
- **Thurs, Feb 6 (11am):** Zoom Class for the Nigerian pastors and seminarians
- **Sun, Feb 9 (8:45am):** Bible class (on the Psalms) meets in the Fellowship Hall at Highland
- **Sun, Feb 9 (10am):** Worship w/Holy Communion (Highland)
- --Installation of all church officers from Big Canoe and Highland will take place in this service
- **Tues, Feb 11 (6pm):** Big Canoe Cemetery Committee meets in the Fellowship Hall at Big Canoe
- **Fri, Feb 14 (9:30am):** Gather Bible Study (Highland)
- **Fri-Sat, Feb 21-22:** Mary & Martha Retreat (WELCA) at Ewalu Stone Retreat Center, Strawberry Point
- **Sun, Feb 23 (starting at 2pm) –** Upper Iowa River Conference Assembly at Stavanger Lutheran, Ossian
- **Fri, Feb 28 (9am):** Pastor Becker is attending a ministerial meeting at St. Paul, Lime Springs
- **Mon, Mar 3 – Fri, Mar 7 –** Pastor Becker will be with Detra in Valparaiso
- **Wed, Mar 5:** Ash Wed supper (6pm), choir practice (6:30pm), and worship (7pm) at St. John's, Locust
- **Fri, Mar 7 (1pm):** World Day of Prayer (St. Benedict Catholic Church)
- **Sat, Mar 8 (9am):** World Day of Prayer (Hesper Lutheran Church)
- **Sat-Sun, Mar 9:** Daylight Savings Time Begins
- **Wed, Mar 12 (9am):** Lenten Bible Study at Winneshiek Winery (led by Pastors Kittleson and Becker)
- **Wed, Mar 19:** Midweek Lenten supper (6pm), choir practice (6:30pm), and worship service (7pm) at BC. (Shared Ministry congregations)
- 6pm: The meal (scaloped potatoes and ham)
- **Wed, Apr 9:** Midweek Lenten supper (6pm), choir practice (6:30pm), and worship service at Madison Lutheran Church (Pastor Becker is preaching)
- **Thurs, May 8 (9am):** Shared Ministry Meeting (Big Canoe)
- **Sun, July 27:** Shared Ministry Joint Worship Service, Potluck, and Fun Day (Highlandville School)



### **Pastor Becker's**

### **Sunday-morning Bible Class**

8:45 a.m. each Sunday fellowship hall of the church of service.

The class will last about 50 minutes.

Please consider taking advantage of this educational opportunity as a way to grow in your Christian faith.

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#### **Office hours:**

Wednesdays at Highland, 11:00 a.m. to 1:00 p.m.

Thursdays at Big Canoe, 5:00 to 7:00 p.m.

Saturdays at Big Canoe, 10:00 a.m. to Noon

While he plans on taking Mondays off, he can be reached at any time by his cell for emergencies.

## **Big Canoe Annual Meeting January 26, 2025**

President Brian Bigler called the Annual Meeting to order.

Council members present were: Brian Bigler - President, Steve Emery - Vice President, Deb Monson - Secretary, Laurie Emery - Treasurer and Lisa Bullerman - Financial Secretary, Vern Whitaker, Kathryn Thompson, Shelley Bigler, and Bill Bullerman, as well as Pastor Matthew Becker.

Due to time constraints, Danny Dutka (member of Highland) was recognized for all of his work at the parsonage in 2024 in making the parsonage a home for Pastor and Detra. Work at the parsonage is an ongoing process. Danny was presented with a check for \$2,500. Danny was very appreciative of the gift.

The meeting continued with Pastor Becker opening the meeting with prayers asking for God's guidance.

The minutes from the 2024 annual meeting were read. Rita Thomas made a motion to accept the minutes as read. Brian asked for approval of the minutes by asking that all present to raise their right hand. The minutes were approved and placed on file.

Pastor Becker asked that the church conduct an evaluation of his work as our pastor.

Parsonage rent valuation - Pastor Becker needs to provide the IRS with a statement as to the value of rent for living in the parsonage. The rate of \$800 per month was agreed upon by all present as to the rent valuation. (Fair Market Rental Value).

The monthly rent at the parsonage is established at \$800 per month as a Fair Market Value for the 2025 calendar year. The motion was made by Kris Bigler to approve and was seconded by Tammy Nordheim. The motion was approved by all.

Pastor also advised all present members that his sermons or any of his writings do not belong to him, that they are the property of the congregation. Pastor requested that all rights to his sermons, notes, and any and all of his writings be relinquished.

On this date, January 26, 2025, the attendees of the Big Canoe Lutheran Church annual meeting relinquished any and all right to sermons, notes, and any and all writings by Pastor Matthew Becker.

This relinquishment of rights shall cover any and all sermons, notes, writings, etc., of the past, present, and future pertaining to Pastor Matthew Becker serving as pastor of the Big Canoe Lutheran Church, 1381 Big Canoe Road, Decorah, Iowa.

Emma Thompson made a motion to accept and approve the above relinquishment. The motion was seconded by Rita Thomas, and the motion was approved by all.

On behalf of the Auditing Committee, Rita Thomas reported that the auditing was completed and all records were accurate. Other members of the auditing committee are Michelle and Mark Borreson and Earl Arneson.

Laurie Emery gave the Treasurer's Report as to the 2025 Church Budget. Laurie also updated everyone in attendance as to payment of the costs of repairs and remodeling projects at the parsonage.

Money from the Improvement and Elsie Osmundson funds plus two anonymous donations covered the pastor's salary and benevolence expenses.

Lisa Bullerman reported that 10% of the Grindeland account is given to charity. Lisa stated that the 10% should be reduced to 5% so that the monies in the account would last longer. After some discussion, Rita Thomas made the motion to leave the amount given to charity at 10%. The motion was second by Bill Bullerman. The motion was approved by all.

Tammy Nordheim updated everyone as to the Luther League activities and donation to various causes.

The Big Canoe Cemetery Committee has cleaned a lot of the older headstones using a product called D2 Formula. Members of the committee will meet in February.

Elections were had to fill the vacancies by those going off of the council. The three nominees are Seth Ferguson, Eric Stoen, and Loren Amundson along with Vern Whitaker who agreed to stay on the council. The newly elected council members are Vern Whitaker and Seth Ferguson.

The Financial Oversight Committee consists of Lisa Bullerman, Gary Stortz, and Steve Emery. The committee oversees the Grindeland Account and the Elsie Osmundson account which have been combined.

The Aase Haugen Home Committee members have agreed to continue serving. The committee members are Sandy Gavle, Dee Wyatt, and Emma Thompson.

The Nominating Committee members are: Shelley Bigler, Brian Bigler, and Vernoe Whitaker.

The Spring Assembly Conference will be held on February 23 at 2:00 p.m. at the Stavanger Lutheran Church in Ossian. Pastor Becker will be attending along with Rita Thomas who volunteered.

The Synod Assembly will be held on June 7th in Cedar Falls. Those to attend are Pastor Becker along with two adult lay persons and one lay youth. Possible adult lay persons are Rita Thomas and Bill Stoen.

Social Concerns Committee membership will stay the same.

Sunday School Committee - Pastor hopes to start as a Sunday School program this spring with classes every other Sunday at Big Canoe. Parents having children in the Sunday School program would be the teachers. There are possibly twenty children for the program who are very young.

Worship service dates and times are to be established at both Big Canoe and Highland. Both churches need to be mindful of people who are not members but are considering becoming members. The individual church websites are to be kept updated so people know where services are at.

Pastor Becker feels it is good to have both congregations worship together. A possible schedule of having services the first and third Sunday of each month at Big Canoe and the second and fourth Sundays at Highland. If there are five Sundays in a month, services will alternate between Big Canoe and Highland.

Kathryn Thompson said it is nice to have a fuller church just for singing alone. Kathryn also said it is challenging for her as an organist to get between the two churches if there would be services at both churches on Sunday. Furthermore, Kathryn has a lot of weddings to be organist at in 2025. Kathryn will have a designated parking spot with special signage of "Church Organist".

Dave Bigler said that if Kathryn had a conflict with serving as organist, that possibly Colleen could fill in by playing the piano.

As to the serving of Communion: Communion would be served on the first Sunday of the month at Big Canoe and the second Sunday of the month at Highland. If there are five Sundays in a month, communion would be alternated between Big Canoe and Highland.

President Brian Bigler proposed that the new church service and communion schedules begin with the month of March. Special provisions will be made with regard to Easter and Christmas. Rita Thomas made the motion to approve and Dave Bigler seconded. The motion was approved by all.

Pastor Becker will provide the Highland congregation with the above information at Highland's Annual Meeting on Sunday, February 2nd.

President Brian Bigler gave a special notice to Tammy Nordheim who has worked steadily to keep everyone's hopes up during the call process.

Pastor Becker stated that the call video encouraged him and Detra to come here and serve the two congregations.

Regarding weekly offering, the passing of the offering plate is a tried and true way of people giving their offering to the church. However, younger people are more inclined to use a QR code. Consideration should be given to alternative ways for people to give their offerings especially for visitors to the church. Another possibility would be to put a QR code on the church's Facebook page so that people watching our church services by video may also contribute if they wish to do so.

The Ladies Aid is working on serving a meatball dinner on Sunday, August 3rd as a fundraiser for the church. Also, the Ladies Aid made 1,219 quilts that were given away.

Bob Maroushek was presented with a check for \$1,000 as a thank you for all of the extras he has done.

Treasurer Laurie Emery presented the proposed budget for 2025, with a total bottom line of \$154,165.30. President Brian Bigler stated the weekly offering would need to be about \$3,000 per week to handle the budget.

Brian requested a motion for the approval of the 2025 budget. Rita Thomas made a motion to approve the proposed 2025 budget. Kris Bigler seconded the motion and the motion was approved by all.

Shirley Bigler asked about the status of obtaining insurance for the church. Brian informed all that we hope to have quotes in a couple of weeks.

Pastor Becker's long term goals: Pastor would like to have a Spiritual Retreat at church on Saturday, June 21st starting at 10:00 a.m. The retreat would be for the congregation to see where we would like to be in the next year and where we want to be in five years.

Pastoral Acts for 2024 - acts prior to September 2024 were done by various pastors. After October 1, pastoral acts were completed by Pastor Becker.

President Bigler adjourned the annual meeting.

Pastor Becker led the group in the Lord's Prayer.

Respectfully submitted, Deb Monson - Secretary

## **Announcements:**

**During the months of January and February, Highland Lutheran Church** will be collecting bath towels, hand towels, wash cloths, and 4 oz bars of soap to be used for Lutheran World Relief personal kits, baby care kits, or Global Health Mission hospice kits. There is a tote at the church into which such items can be placed. Towels should be new or gently used. GHM requests unscented soap for the hospice kits. If you are not a shopper, there will be a location to collect cash or check donations. Checks should be made out to "Highland Women of the ELCA."

**To help with relief efforts** for those affected by the fires in California, visit [lwr.org/fires](http://lwr.org/fires).

If anyone wants a **year-end report on offerings given** at Highland, please contact Virginia Karlsbrot.

**Contact Pastor Becker if you would like to receive his weekly devotion by email.**

**Pastor Becker would like to receive photos** of everyone in the congregation.

**Worship planning sheets** are on the table in the back of the nave at Highland (by the mailboxes). Please sign up to participate as Scripture readers, communion assistants (council members), and ushers.

**Prayer cards** are available on the table in the entryway at Highland. Cards can be given to an usher who will then give it to Pastor Becker.

**We want to make our church family aware of our approximate financial situation.** Keep in mind that historically offering amounts at our two churches have tended to be larger toward the end of each year.

- Highland's offering:
  - Jan 5: \$455 for current and \$15 for benevolence.
  - Jan 12: \$995 for current and \$12 for benevolence.
  - Jan 19: \$350 for current and \$50 for benevolence.
  - Jan 26: \$1228 for current and \$157 for benevolence.
- Big Canoe's offering:
  - Jan 5: \$3145 for current.
  - Jan 12: \$3215 for current.
  - Jan 19: \$1470 for current and \$40 for benevolence.
  - Jan 26: \$1813 for current and \$130 for benevolence.

### ***Highland WELCA February Reminders:***

February 2nd - Annual Meeting

February 9th - WELCA meeting after church

Servers: Louise Jetson & Anna Jetson

February 14th - Gather Bible Study, 9:30 at Highland

### ***Big Canoe***

***WELCA***

### ***February***

### ***Reminders***

February 4th

Big Canoe WELCA

hosts Bingo party

at Aase Haugen

3:30 p.m.

## 2024 Tree of Memories

- 2 Bulbs in Memory of Earl and Mavis Arneson
- 2 Bulbs in Memory of Arland and Amet Emery
- 1 Bulbs in Memory of Rick Monson
- 1 Bulbs in Memory of Joe Whalen

**From Steve and Laurie Emery**

- 1 Bulbs in Memory of Dan Speicher
- 1 Bulbs in Memory of Chuck Speicher
- 1 Bulbs in Memory of Connie Speicher
- 1 Bulbs in Memory of Gary Speicher
- 1 Bulbs in Memory of Sue Kramer
- 1 Bulbs in Memory of Joyce Kramer
- 1 Bulbs in Memory of Norbert Kramer
- 1 Bulbs in Memory of Larry Engel
- 1 Bulbs in Memory of Inez Dolley

**From Family of Jessica and Sam Johnson**

- 2 Bulbs in Memory of Forrest Ryan
- 2 Bulbs in Memory of Gladys Ryan
- 2 Bulbs in Memory of Rick Ryan
- 2 Bulbs in Memory of Shane Ryan
- 2 Bulbs in Memory of Bobby Ryan
- 2 Bulbs in Memory of Earl Radeke
- 2 Bulbs in Memory of Marj Radeke
- 2 Bulbs in Memory of Barry Peacock
- 2 Bulbs in Memory of Dennis Juve
- 2 Bulbs in Memory of Ami Schmeltzer
- 2 Bulbs in Memory of Mike Stortz

**From Pat and Karran Ryan**

- ## Bulbs in Memory of Oscar and Irene Tilleros
- ## Bulbs in Memory of Charles Tilleros

**From David and Janice Cronin**

- 2 Bulbs in Memory of Arthur and Inez Shuros
- 1 Bulbs in Memory of Charles Shuros
- 1 Bulbs in Memory of Helen Arneson

**From Judy Shuros**

- 2 Bulbs in Memory of Carrie and Sander Quandahl
- 2 Bulbs in Memory of John and Myrtle Tangen
- 1 Bulbs in Memory of Belma Gavle

**From Gordan and Sandra Tangen**

- 2 Bulbs in Memory of Paul Arneson

**From Bernice Arneson**

- 2 Bulbs in Memory of Nordheim & Kurtz Grandparents
- 2 Bulbs in Memory of Walk & Nealey Grandparents

- 1 Bulbs in Memory of Alma Askelson
- 1 Bulbs in Memory of Selmer Askelson
- 1 Bulbs in Memory of Roger Askelson
- 1 Bulbs in Memory of Dave Darling
- 1 Bulbs in Memory of Ken Maki

**From Sue Darling, Carol Maki, Lyle and Wanda Askelson**

- 2 Bulbs in Memory of Christine Lund
- 4 Bulbs in Memory of Martin and Anna Monson
- 4 Bulbs in Memory of Marvin and Ruby Monson
- 4 Bulbs in Memory of Rick and Ryan Monson
- 4 Bulbs in Memory of Oscar and Mary Lund

**From Deb Monson**

- 2 Bulbs in Memory of Amber Frey

**From DuWayne and Raffaella Rude**

- 12 Bulbs in Memory of Charles Tilleros
- 12 Bulbs in Memory of Oscar and Irene Tilleros
- 12 Bulbs in Memory of Ole and Emma Tilleros
- 12 Bulbs in Memory of Anton and Ida Ellingson
- 12 Bulbs in Memory of Loran and Velma Bower

**From Gary and Connie Tilleros**

- 1 Bulbs in Memory of Brady Stortz
- 1 Bulbs in Memory of Michael Stortz
- 1 Bulbs in Memory of Nathan Borreson

**From Mark and Michelle Borreson**

- 1 Bulbs in Memory of Fred Gerleman
- 1 Bulbs in Memory of Rick Monson
- 1 Bulbs in Memory of Joe Whalen
- 1 Bulbs in Memory of Denis Tweten
- 1 Bulbs in Memory of Frank Morris
- 2 Bulbs in Memory of Earl and Mavis Arneson
- 2 Bulbs in Memory of Beth and Tom Andrews
- 1 Bulbs in Memory of Avery Arneson
- 1 Bulbs in Memory of Aiden Arneson
- 2 Bulbs in Memory of Deane and Maxine Morris
- 2 Bulbs in Memory of Ed and Lori Ottney
- 2 Bulbs in Memory of North Winneshiek School
- 1 Bulbs in Memory of Adam Christopherson
- 2 Bulbs in Memory of Students of North Winneshiek School who have passed. BLESS THEM!!

**From Alfred and Mary Arneson**

- 1 Bulbs in Memory of Mary Herman
- 1 Bulbs in Memory of Gerald "Pete" and Sharon Meyer
- Donald "Doc" and Roland "Rolly" Meyer
- Richard and Darlene, Harold "Hoot" and Doris Meyer

## 2024 Tree of Memories

- 1 Bulbs in Memory of Tammy's Dad- William Walk
- 1 Bulbs in Memory of Uncle Robert Walk
- 1 Bulbs in Memory of Godchild Nathan Borreson

### From Carey and Tammy Nordheim

- 2 Bulbs in Memory of Kathy Gavle
- 2 Bulbs in Memory of Karen Courtney
- 3 Bulbs in Memory of Norris and Francis Gavle
- 1 Bulbs in Memory of Harold Lee
- 2 Bulbs in Memory of Debra Ryan
- 1 Bulbs in Memory of Robert Forde
- 1 Bulbs in Memory of Chuck Shuros

### From Bud Gavle

- 3 Bulbs in Memory of Frederick Thompson
- 4 Bulbs in Memory of LaVonne and Jesse Young
- 1 Bulbs in Memory of Karen Courtney
- 1 Bulbs in Memory of Robert Young
- 1 Bulbs in Memory of Debra Ryan

### From Emma Thompson

- 1 Bulbs in Memory of Rich Lukes
- 1 Bulbs in Memory of Lester Ellingson
- 2 Bulbs in Memory of Clarence and Elma Melbostad
- 2 Bulbs in Memory of George and Selma Tollefsrud
- 2 Bulbs in Memory of Harry and Lisa Ellingson
- 2 Bulbs in Memory of Ernest and Elizabeth Bigler
- 2 Bulbs in Memory of Walter and Hazel Bigler
- 2 Bulbs in Memory of Gilman and Irene Tollefsrud
- 1 Bulbs in Memory of Beatrice Iverson
- 1 Bulbs in Memory of Gene Vine
- 1 Bulbs in Memory of Steve Palmer
- 1 Bulbs in Memory of Norma Lynch

### From Ron and Shirley Bigler and Families

Harvey and Joan Plaht

- 1 Bulbs in Memory of Edwin and Evelyn Bullerman
- 1 Bulbs in Memory of Bertha and Alfred Meyer
- 1 Bulbs in Memory of Russell and Clara White
- 1 Bulbs in Memory of Lori Bullerman
- 1 Bulbs in Memory of Arlo, Linus and Jerry Bullerman
- 1 Bulbs in Memory of Daniel "Eddie" Alberts

### From Bill and Lisa Bullerman and Family

- 2 Bulbs in Memory of Michael Stortz
- 2 Bulbs in Memory of Nathan Borreson
- 2 Bulbs in Memory of Brady Stortz
- 2 Bulbs in Memory of Erlin and Agnes Stortz
- 2 Bulbs in Memory of Odell and Marlys Tweten
- 1 Bulbs in Memory of Larry Tweten
- 1 Bulbs in Memory of Lynnette Tweten
- 1 Bulbs in Memory of Shirleen Tweten
- 1 Bulbs in Memory of Denis Tweten
- 1 Bulbs in Memory of Laura Ness
- 1 Bulbs in Memory of Rick Monson
- 1 Bulbs in Memory of Ryan Monson
- 1 Bulbs in Memory of Shane Ryan
- 1 Bulbs in Memory of Callie Tweten
- 1 Bulbs in Memory of Michael Daughton
- 1 Bulbs in Memory of Rev. David Andreae
- 1 Bulbs in Memory of Marlene Banitt
- 1 Bulbs in Memory of Danny Whalen
- 1 Bulbs in Memory of Joseph Whalen
- 1 Bulbs in Memory of Shirley Casterton
- 1 Bulbs in Memory of John Emery
- 1 Bulbs in Memory of Don Blegen
- 1 Bulbs in Memory of Larry Oeltjenbruns
- 1 Bulbs in Memory of Virginia Boldt
- 1 Bulbs in Memory of Daryl Hovden
- 1 Bulbs in Memory of Roger Goodno
- 1 Bulbs in Memory of Kim Obrein
- 1 Bulbs in Memory of Kermit Nordheim
- 1 Bulbs in Memory of Carl Bergan
- 1 Bulbs in Memory of Rich Lukes
- 1 Bulbs in Memory of Raymond Hershberger-Lambright

### From Gary and Bev Stortz





## Shared Ministry Newsletter February 2025



✶ To submit information for the monthly Shared Ministry newsletter, please email Linda Folsstad at [linda.folsstad49@gmail.com](mailto:linda.folsstad49@gmail.com) By February 15th for the March 2025 Newsletter



All are invited to join us for

**BIBLE STUDY** held at Highland Lutheran Church Friday, February 14, 2025 at 9:30 am!

Discussion centers around bible studies in the GATHER Magazine, an ELCA publication.

*Bring a Friend!*

Let Anna Jelson know if you are in need of a copy of the Bible Study.

If school is delayed or cancelled, Bible Study

### UPPER IOWA RIVER

#### CONFERENCE ASSEMBLY

February 23rd – 1 pm  
Stavanger Lutheran Church in Ossian, IA

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**Mary & Martha SWO**  
**Retreat Feb. 21 & 22**  
EWALU Stone Center  
Games, hymns, crafts  
Registration deadline  
**Monday, Feb. 19**

### Shared Ministry Meeting Highlights January 15, 2025 ~ St. John's Lutheran Church



- Details were finalized for Lenten Round Robin services:  
ASH WEDNESDAY joint worship at St. John's in Locust March 5th. Meal at 6:00 pm. Choir rehearsals at 6:30 pm. Worship at 7:00 pm. Offering designation is Decorah & Mabel area Food Pantries
- Madison Lutheran & Washington Prairie Lutheran will join the Lenten Round Robin rotation this year. We welcome them!
- Lenten Bible Study will be held at Wineshiek Wildberry Winery Wednesday mornings beginning March 12th at 9:00 am. All are invited to join the study and enjoy the fellowship.
- WORLD DAY OF PRAYER: St. Benedict Catholic Church will host the event on Friday, March 7th at 1 pm. Hesper & Burr Oak Lutheran will offer a second opportunity to attend World Day of Prayer on Saturday, March 8, 2025 at 9 am in Hesper. Inserts are available for publicizing in bulletins.
- Shared Ministry Joint Worship Service, Potluck and Fun Day event changed from June 29th to July 27, 2025.
- Looking for opportunities for sharing worship and ministry. A Thanksgiving worship service and midweek Advent services were held in the Highland/Big Canoe Parish this past year. They will continue to be held and are open to all.
- Discussion on organizing a "Servant Event" for High School youth
- Reminder for churches to return "Care for Creation" surveys by February 28th.



Mark the date on your calendars and come join us in Highlandville on Sunday, July 27, 2025. We will gather together with members of Shared Ministry churches for a joint Worship Service, Potluck meal, and afternoon of fun and fellowship! Watch for more details in upcoming newsletters!

## Worship Services ~ February 2025

	February 2	February 9	February 16	February 23
<b>Highland &amp; Big Canoe</b>	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
Pt. Matthew Becker=				
<b>Hesper</b>	8:30 am Worship/HC Coffee Fellowship	8:30 am Worship Coffee Fellowship	8:30 am Worship/HC Coffee Fellowship	8:30 am Worship/HC Coffee Fellowship
<b>Burr Oak</b>	10:00 am Worship/HC	10:00 am Worship	10:00 am Worship/HC	10:00 am Worship
Pt. David Werges Lisa Kemmer—Janon				
<b>Canoe Ridge</b>	8:30 am worship at Canoe Ridge/HC. 9:30 am Coffee	10:30 am - Worship/HC at Canoe Ridge	8:30 am worship at Canoe Ridge 9:30 am Coffee	10:30 am - worship at Canoe Ridge
<b>Glenwood</b>	9:30 am—Sunday School at Glwd. 10:30 am worship at Glenwood/HC	8:30 am worship at Glenwood/HC 9:30 am Coffee Sunday School at Glwd.	9:30 am—Sunday School at Glwd. 10:30 am worship at Glenwood	8:30 am worship at Glenwood 9:30 am Coffee Sunday School at Glwd.
Pt. Matthew Ressler				
<b>St. John's &amp; Hauge</b>	Joint Worship/HC 9:30 am at Hauge 10:30 Coffee/ Fellowship	Joint Worship/HC 9:30 am at St. John's 10:30 Coffee/ Fellowship	Joint Worship/HC 9:30 am at Hauge 10:30 Coffee/ Fellowship	Joint Worship/HC 9:30 am at St. John's 10:30 Coffee/ Fellowship
Pt. Randy Kittason				

### Websites:

[www.WomenoftheELCA.org](http://www.WomenoftheELCA.org)  
[www.NELASynod.org](http://www.NELASynod.org)  
[www.bethlutheran.org](http://www.bethlutheran.org) Big Canoe/Highland Lutheran  
[www.glenwoodlutheran.org](http://www.glenwoodlutheran.org) Glenwood/Canoe Ridge  
[www.bethlutheran.org](http://www.bethlutheran.org) Burr Oak/Hesper Lutheran  
[www.haugeelutheran.com](http://www.haugeelutheran.com) Hauge/St. John's Lutheran

### Upcoming Events: 2025

Feb 21-22: SWO Winter Retreat at EWALU Stone Center  
Feb. 23: Upper Iowa River Conference Assembly  
Mar. 5: ASH WEDNESDAY worship at St. John's  
Mar. 7: World Day of Prayer at St. Benedict  
Mar. 8: World Day of Prayer at Hesper Lutheran  
Mar. 9: Daylight Savings time begins  
Apr. 13: Spring Brunch at Hesper Lutheran  
May 8: Shared Ministry Meeting at Big Canoe



# February 2025

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
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2	3	4	5	6	7	8
8:45 Bible Study 10:00 Worship, Highland Communion		Big Canoe WELCA hosts Bingo party at Aase Haugen 3:30 p.m.		Zoom Class for the Nigerian pastors and seminarians 11:00 a.m.		
9	10	11	12	13	14	15
8:45 Bible Study 10:00 Worship, Highland Installation of all church officers from Big Canoe and Highland during this service Highland WELCA meeting after service		Big Canoe Cemetery Committee meets at Big Canoe 6:00 p.m.			Gather Bible Study 9:30 a.m. Highland	
16	17	18	19	20	21	22
8:45 Bible Study 10:00 Worship, Highland					Fri-Sat, Feb 21-22: Mary & Martha Retreat (WELCA) at Ewalu Stone Retreat Center, Strawberry Point	
23	24	25	26	27	28	
8:45 Bible Study 10:00 Worship, Highland					Pastor Becker is attending a ministerial meeting at St. Paul, Lime Springs 9 AM	