

# Big Canoe & Highland Lutheran Churches

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## NEWSLETTER

### Regular worship services:

10:00 a.m. at Big Canoe in September

10:00 a.m. at Highland in October



**Big Canoe WELCA**  
**Garage & bake sale**  
**October 12<sup>th</sup>**  
**9 a.m. to Noon**



Laurie Emery and Judy Shuros will have  
lefsa to sell and will be doing a lefsa  
making demonstration.

**Big Canoe WELCA will meet**  
**Wednesday, September 18th.**  
**Noon lunch, 12:30 meeting.**  
**Booklet date is incorrect.**

### Parsonage Renovation Help

Do you have a special skill, like to donate,  
or just like to help?

We would welcome help or donations for  
renovations such as a washing machine,  
storm door, window treatments, air purifier,  
steel support basement posts or monetary  
donations for upgrades - to name a few.  
Contact Danny Dutka or Tammy Nordheim

### Highland LWR School Kids goal is 50.

So far we have 8 complete.

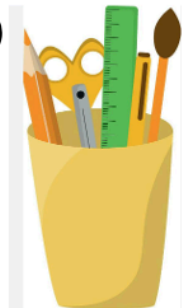
Here is what we are in need of:

- 70-page notebooks (wide ruled preferred)
- 4 needed per kit = 173
- Blue or black ballpoint pens
- No gel pens
- 5 needed per kit = 170
- 38 pencil sharpeners
- 24 blunt scissors

Items can be left in the tote at Highland.

If you're not a shopper, there is a place for donations.

Thank you!



### Joint Council Meeting - July 28, 2024

Big Canoe council members present: Pastor Gies, Brian Bigler - President, Deb Monson - Secretary, Shelly Bigler, Vern Whitaker, and Kathryn Thompson. Also in attendance was Bill Stoen, member.

Highland council members present: Steve Langland - President, Danny Dutka and Anna Jetson.

President Brian Bigler called the meeting to order. Pastor Gies gave the opening prayer.

The quarterly report was received and will be placed on file.

By common consent, it was agreed to suspend the reading of the previous minutes.

President Brian read a letter from Pastor and Mrs. Becker, as to their carpet and paint choices for the parsonage. They asked that the mold in the basement be professionally removed due to his and Mrs. Becker's health. Service Master and Serve Pro will be contacted for estimates.

The renters have moved out of the parsonage but still have items in the garage.

Brian asked Danny to take point on the parsonage renovation. Carpet is to be purchased from Fashion Floor rather than Menards as chosen by Pastor and Mrs. Becker. The paint will be purchased from Sherwin Williams in the colors chosen by the Beckers.

Pastor Becker has a previous wedding obligation on October 12th. Pastor Gies will conduct church services on October 13th.

On August 25th, Pastor Miller will conduct services as Pastor Miller will be gone.

Brian Bigler, Danny Dutka, and Shelly Bigler will do a room by room walk through at the parsonage to see what needs to be done. As to the mold in the basement, Danny stated that the drywall should be torn out to prevent further mold and that the trusses should be treated.

Discussion was had as to the needs at the parsonage.

- The Big Canoe WELCA pledged \$600 to be used for the parsonage.
- Denise Gulrud offered to submit a quote for the painting. Her son and friend work with her.
- As to the renters deposit, that will be determined at a later date.
- A precleaning needs to be done by volunteer church members.
- Danny will be changing out the locks.
- Window air conditioners are going to be installed.
- Bill Stoen said he would get a grant application from The Depot Outlet to assist renovation costs.
- New windows are needed for energy saving purposes.
- Radon testing is needed.
- Concrete work is needed - new sidewalks and garage floor.
- Consideration should be given to installing a sump pump.
  - Once the costs are totaled, the Big Canoe and Highland congregations will be informed as to the 75%-25% split.

Brian asked for a motion to adjourn. A motion was made by Steve Langland. Seconded by Shelly Bigler. Meeting was adjourned.

Pastor Gies gave the closing prayers.

Respectfully submitted, Deb Monson - Secretary

### **Highland Lutheran Council Meeting Minutes - August 11, 2024**

**Call to Order:** The August 11, 2024, meeting of the Highland Lutheran Church was called to order by President, Steve Langland at 11:25 a.m. Council members in attendance: President Steve Langland, Secretary Darlene Larson, Treasurer, Dan Dutka, Gary Selness, Anna Jetson and Al Erickson. Absent: Karen Erickson.

**Secretary's Report:** Darlene provided a brief summary of the April 14<sup>th</sup>, 2024 council meeting. Motion by Anna Jetson and seconded by Gary Selness to approve. Motion carried.

**Treasurer's Report:** Dan Dutka informed the council that the LP contract has been taken care of for the upcoming season. Obtained 1000 gallons at \$1.52 per gallon with a deposit of 25 cents per gallon. We did get a summer fill also because the price is cheaper. Dan provided a handout of out account balances and expenses. Balances as of July 31, 2024:

- Current \$23,959.11
- Benevolence \$1039.00
- Anniversary Fund \$375.10

We should be working with Big Canoe on applying for grants for various projects that are needed at the parsonage. Motion by Gary Selness and seconded by Al Erickson to accept the treasurer's report and file it for audit. Motion carried.

**Calling Tree Update:** Anna Jetson provided a handout of the calling tree. Just a few corrections. She will update and redistribute.

**Landscaping update:** Dan Dutka provided an update. He indicated he pulled the vinyl and old siding and found some damage and he's repaired some of it on the one side. He is still working on other issues. He's happy to report that the digging that has been done has helped with drainage, as seen during the last heavy rainfall.

**Final approval of removal of basement piano:** Steve Langland reported that WELCA has approved the removal of the piano from the basement and is he looking for that same approval from the council. Motion by Darlene Larson and seconded by Al Erickson to approve the removal of the basement piano. Steve Langland will handle.

**Cleaning carpets upstairs, basement and sanctuary; chairs:** Steve reported that the last time the carpets, etc. were cleaned as in 2018 and should be done again as there are numerous stains on all the carpet. Motion by Dan Dutka and seconded by Al Erickson to proceed with getting someone to clean the carpets if the cost is no more than \$1000.00. Motion carried. Steve will provide the council with updates as this project moves forward.

**Parsonage Update** – Dan Dutka provided the update.

- Appliances (Stove, microwave and possible refrigerator): Rita and Bob Hurd will be donating a new stove and microwave. The refrigerator will wait until next year. Dan provided the congregation with a thorough update after church services today. Seeking bids on painting.
- Set meeting date to approve Highlands's portion of the costs: No meeting will be set at this time as we don't have the estimated costs for everything.

**Communion Assistants upcoming months:**

- (4) October 6 (Not needed because of Pastor Becker's Installation)
- (5) October 13 Darlene distribute, Gary pickup
- (6) December 1 Dan distribute, Steve pickup
- (7) December 8 Karen distribute, Anna pickup
- (8) December 25 Darlene distribute, Steve pickup

**Installation for Pastor Becker:** Installation will be October 6 with an afternoon service at Big Canoe – no morning service at Highland. This was set by the synod.

**Farewell for Pastor Gies October 13:** Discussed whether we should have cake and coffee, potluck or perhaps brunch. Cake and coffee was ruled out. If it's potluck, that would be three Sundays in a row with potluck after services. We will make the final determination at a later date, but were leaning toward brunch with egg bakes, muffins and fruit.

**Other:** Pastor Gies inquired about singing today in church where he sang the verse and the congregation sang the chorus. No issues, we liked it. His farewell service/recognition will be October 13<sup>th</sup>. Pastor Gies will be gone August 25<sup>th</sup>.

Anna informed us that Bill Stoen inquired of her if Highland would be doing anything for "God's Work, Our Hands" Discussed the flood buckets, which cost about \$50-\$75 each. Anna indicated she has some of the supplies for four buckets. Motion by Al Erickson and seconded by Gary Selness to allow Anna to purchase what she needs for those four buckets she's started, with reimbursement coming from the benevolence local fund. Motion carried.

Motion by Gary Selness and seconded by Al Erickson to adjourn. Motion carried. Meeting adjourned at 12:17 p.m. Dan Dutka led us in the Lord's Prayer.

Next meeting is set for October 13<sup>th</sup>, but is subject to change because of the farewell service for Pastor Gies.

Respectfully submitted: Darlene Larson Sollien - Highland Secretary.



## Glenwood Lutheran Church Lutefisk & Meatball Dinner with Silent Auction

When: Sunday,  
October 27, 2024  
Noon-3pm

Where: 1197 Old Stage Rd  
Decorah, Iowa

### Advance tickets only

\$25 per adult  
\$10 ages 6-12  
5 and under free

**Last day to purchase tickets  
will be 10/22/24**

Tickets can be purchased at:  
Waukon State Bank  
Viking State Bank  
Highland General Store

Menu:  
Lutefisk  
Meatballs  
Mashed potatoes & gravy  
Corn  
Lefse  
Rolls  
Romegrot  
Desserts

All proceeds will go towards  
the church organ repair!

For questions contact:  
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Alyce Schaller: 563-379-2151

# September 2024

| Sunday  | Monday | Tuesday   | Wednesday   | Thursday  | Friday    | Saturday   |
|---|--------|-----------|---|---|-----------|--|
| 1<br>• 10:00 Joint Worship Big Canoe<br>• Communion | 2      | 3         | 4   | 5   | 6         | 7  |
| 8<br>• 10:00 Joint Worship Big Canoe<br>• Communion | 9      | 10        | 11  | 12  | 13        | 14   |
| 15<br>• 10:00 Joint Worship Big Canoe               | 16     | 17        | 18<br>Big Canoe<br>WELCA meeting<br>Noon lunch<br>12:30 meeting | 19  | 20        | 21   |
| 22<br>• 10:00 Joint Worship Big Canoe               | 23     | 24        | 25  | 26  | 27        | 28   |
| 29<br>• 10:00 Joint Worship Big Canoe               | 30     | October 1 | October 2   | October 3   | October 4 | October 5<br>Sunday services in<br>October at Highland<br>10:00 a.m. |
|   |        |           |   | Big Canoe & Highland website:<br><a href="http://www.bchlutheran.org">www.bchlutheran.org</a> |           |  |