

Big Canoe & Highland Lutheran Church

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NEWSLETTER

BIG CANOE NEWS

LUTHER LEAGUE PIE AUCTION & BREAKFAST TO GO SUNDAY, APRIL 4TH BIG CANOE CHURCH

Join us on Easter Sunday after service for a pie auction at the front of the church.

On the way out, you can grab breakfast to go of a roll and juice or coffee in the entry way of the church.
(Free will donation).

The proceeds will go towards a Luther League retreat scheduled this summer and other future activities.

Please let Ashley Borreson or Tammy Nordheim know if you have any questions.

Ashley – 563-419-9507, Tammy – 563-546-7716

New Project

The Social Concerns Committee has begun a project with the goal of assuring our shut-ins and members that are reluctant to go out in public during the pandemic, they are not forgotten. We would like to provide them with a digital photo frame that would scroll through pictures of the church and various church activities. We hope to change out the SIM card every so often so the collection of pictures can be updated. We have a list of members who we think would enjoy this but would welcome your input to make sure we don't leave anyone out.

If anyone would like to donate one of these frames to a particular person, we are estimating the cost at about \$40 per frame and would be grateful for any monetary contributions for this project.

In Gratitude, Social Concerns Committee

SUNDAY SCHOOL & CONFIRMATION

Sunday School will continue to meet every Sunday after service as well as Confirmation meeting each Wednesday evening via Zoom or in person - whatever works for the student.

April 18th
Blessing of quilts & kits for LWR
at Big Canoe & Highland.

BIG CANOE WELCA CHURCH CLEANING

No certain time or day for cleaning the church has been set. However, if two, three, or four ladies or men have time to clean, please give Emma Thompson a call and she will keep track of what has been cleaned and what needs to be done. Emma can be reached at 563-382-4002.

Reminder that Prayer Shawls are available for anyone who wishes to present one to someone.

Newsletter:

US Postal rates have increased - the monthly cost for mailing newsletters has now doubled. We would like to update our mailing list. If you or know of anyone that would like to begin to receive the newsletter by email or be taken off of the list, please let Denise know by emailing bchlutheran.com or by contacting one of your council members. The newsletter will also be added to the website and can be viewed that way as well. Thank you for your help!

Highland, Big Canoe Joint Council Meeting - March 17, 2021, 7:15 p.m.

Bill Stoen called the meeting to order. Pastor Waldemar Gies led us with an opening prayer.

Present: Rachel Hoffland, Bill Stoen, Sandy Gavle, Darryl Stoen, Virginia Karlsbrotten, Steve Langland, Alan Erickson, Joyce Bjerke, and Anna Jetson - Treasurer of Highland.

Church times were discussed. Steve Langland made a motion to continue with 9:00 at Big Canoe and 11:00 at Highland until May 1st when the times will switch monthly. Sandy Gavle seconded.

Bill called Pastor Brackett, assistant to the Bishop, to see if April 15 at 6:00 p.m. would work. He can come then and the meeting will be at Big Canoe. Pastor Gies will consult the Northeast Synod and Pastor Brackett regarding becoming an intern pastor. As of now, he is a supply pastor. Pastor Gies will have Bible study after early services at either church.

It was the consensus of the councils to move ahead and use the hymnals during Maundy Thursday, Good Friday and Easter services. We will stay in compliance with the CDC.

Motion to adjourn by Steve Langland, Seconded by Sandy Gavle.

Secretary Pro Tem: Joyce Bjerke

HIGHLAND NEWS

Highland Lutheran Church Organizational Council Meeting - February 28, 2021

Call to Order

The organizational council meeting of Highland Lutheran Church was called to order by outgoing President Gary Halverson at approximately 12:15 p.m. Sunday February 28, 2021.

In attendance were: Pastor Waldemar Gies, President Gary Halverson, Vice President Al Erickson, Treasurer Anna Jetson, Secretary Danny Dutka, Joyce Bjerke, Steve Langland, Virginia Karlsbrotten, Mark Sollien.

Opening Devotion - Pastor Waldemar Gies gave an opening prayer.

Secretary Report - Steve Langland moved to dispense with reading of the minutes of the last meeting. Al Erickson seconded. Motion carried.

Treasurer Report - Treasurer Anna Jetson gave a brief report. Balances as of 2/28/2021 were: Current \$3,122.00, Benevolence \$1,017.00, 125th Anniversary \$355.00, Improvement \$49,039.22, Scholarship \$5,854.62.

Report is filed for audit.

Election of Officers - Gary Halverson and Anna Jetsons term on the council are expiring at this meeting. New council persons elected at the Annual Meeting are Virginia Karlsbrotten and Mark Sollien.

President - President Halverson opened the floor for nominations for President. Steve Langland nominated Al Erickson. Al stated he would prefer not to be President at this time, therefore there was no second to the nomination. Danny Dutka nominated Joyce Bjerke, nomination was seconded by Steve Langland. After brief discussion Danny moved that nomination cease, motion seconded by Virginia. Motion carried. Joyce Bjerke was elected President. Gary Halverson turned over the meeting to the newly elected President. President Bjerke thanked Gary for his service.

Vice-President - President Bjerke asked for nominations for Vice-President. Virginia Karlsbrotten nominated Al Erickson, Steve Langland seconded the nomination. Steve moved that nominations cease, Danny Dutka seconded the motion. Motion carried. Al Erickson was elected Vice-President.

Secretary - President Bjerke asked for nominations for Secretary. Steve Langland nominated Danny Dutka, Al Erickson seconded the nomination. Virginia Karlsbrotten moved nominations cease, Al Erickson seconded the motion. Motion carried. Danny Dutka was elected Secretary.

Appointments - Danny Dutka moved to appoint Anna Jetson as Treasurer. Steve Langland seconded the motion. Motion carried.

Danny Dutka moved to appoint Virginia Karlsbrotten as Financial Secretary. Al Erickson seconded the motion. Motion carried.

Pastoral Call Process - Former President Halverson had received an email regarding setting a date to have a Zoom electronic audio / video meeting with Rev. Stephen Brackett assistant to the Bishop of the NE Iowa Synod. The council decided that Wednesday March 24 would be our first choice and Tuesday March 30 would be alternate. The council discussed interim pastoral ministry options.

Lenten Service - The council decided that volunteers from Highland would lead, or assist Pastor Gies, at the March 17th Lenten service to be held at Big Canoe.

Council Meeting Dates - Council discussed potential meeting dates and times for the remainder of the year. Meetings will be Sunday at 9:30 a.m. if there is an 11 a.m. service or follow a 9 a.m. service. Dates selected are: March 14, April 11, May 9, June 13, July 11, August 8, September 12, October 10, November 14, December 12. Meetings may be cancelled or postponed as deemed necessary.

Directory - The council reviewed the names of people who are delegates, members of various committees and other positions within the church. The secretary will work on updating this listing for 2021.

Other - Virginia Karlsbrotten mentioned that some of the Cemetery Committee records at being kept in the safe at her home due to Lyle Bjerke recovering from recent surgeries. Virginia's husband Dennis is a member of the Cemetery Committee.

The council discussed various other topics but took no official action.

Adjournment - Mark Sollien moved to adjourn the meeting, Steve Langland seconded. Motion carried. The Lord's Prayer was recited.

Respectively submitted by, Danny Dutka, Secretary

BIG CANOE LUTHERAN CHURCH

- 2 Bulbs in Memory of Michael Stortz
- 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 Laura Ness
- 1 Bulbs in Memory of Ryan Monson
- 1 Bulbs in Memory of Shane Ryan
- 1 Bulbs in Memory of Hank Seldon
- 1 Bulbs in Memory of Jim Crow
- 1 Bulbs in Memory of Paul Arneson
- 1 Bulbs in Memory of David Fossum
- 1 Bulbs in Memory of Celia Stoen

From Gary and Bev Stortz

- 20 Bulbs in Memory of Oscar and Irene Tilleros
- 10 Bulbs in Memory of Charles Tilleros

From David and Janice Cronin

2020 TREE OF MEMORIES

- 1 Bulbs in Memory of Lester H. Bentley
- 1 Bulbs in Memory of Larry G. Bentley
- 1 Bulbs in Memory of Henry W. Bentley
- 1 Bulbs in Memory of Irene T. Bentley

From Roger and Genevieve Bentley and Lois Shattuck

- 1 Bulbs in Memory of Mary Herman
- 1 Bulbs in Memory of Gerald "Pete" and Sharon Meyer
- 1 Bulbs in Memory of Donald "Doc" Meyer
- 1 Bulbs in Memory of Tammy Hageman
- 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 Bullerman
- 1 Bulbs in Memory of Jerry Bullerman
- 1 Bulbs in Memory of Roland "Rolly" Meyer
- 1 Bulbs in Memory of Richard and Darlene Meyer
- 1 Bulbs in Memory of Harold "Hoot" and Doris Meyer
- 1 Bulbs in Memory of Alan "Bruno" Numedahl

From Bill and Lisa Bullerman and Family



BIG CANOE LUTHERAN CHURCH

- 3 Bulbs in Memory of Paul Arneson
- 1 Bulbs in Memory of David Fossum
- From Ralph Arneson**
- 2 Bulbs in Memory of Paul Arneson
- 1 Bulbs in Memory of Norman "Jake" Jacobson
- From Bernice Arneson**
- 1 Bulbs in Memory of Forrest Ryan
- 1 Bulbs in Memory of Gladys Ryan
- 1 Bulbs in Memory of Rick Ryan
- 1 Bulbs in Memory of Shane Ryan
- 1 Bulbs in Memory of Bobby Ryan
- 1 Bulbs in Memory of Earl Radeke
- 1 Bulbs in Memory of Marj Radeke
- 1 Bulbs in Memory of Barry Peacock
- 1 Bulbs in Memory of Dennis Juve
- 1 Bulbs in Memory of Ami Schmeltzer
- 1 Bulbs in Memory of Mike Stortz
- From Pat and Karran Ryan**
- 1 Bulbs in Memory of Irving Thompson
- 1 Bulbs in Memory of Mabel Thompson
- 1 Bulbs in Memory of Frederick Thompson
- 1 Bulbs in Memory of George Thompson
- 1 Bulbs in Memory of Charles Thompson
- From Arthur and Naomi Towson**
- 2 Bulbs in Memory of Amber Frey
- From DuWayne and Raffaella Rude**
- 2 Bulbs in Memory of Earl and Mavis Arneson
- 1 Bulbs in Memory of Rodney Halverson
- 2 Bulbs in Memory of Avery Arneson
- 2 Bulbs in Memory of Aiden Arneson
- 2 Bulbs in Memory of Sue Arneson
- 1 Bulbs in Memory of Rick Halverson
- 2 Bulbs in Memory of Shad Alfred McAllen
- 2 Bulbs in Memory of Sherry Lynn McAllen
- 2 Bulbs in Memory of Richard Paul McAllen
- From Ross Arneson and Susan Beck**
- 1 Bulbs in Memory of David Fossum
- 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
- From Ron and Shirley Bigler and Families**

2020 TREE OF MEMORIES

- 2 Bulbs in Memory of Lester Amundson
- 2 Bulbs in Memory of Alfred and Anna Naley
- From Marcy Amundson**
- 2 Bulbs in Memory of Earl and Mavis Arneson
- 2 Bulbs in Memory of Beth and Tom Andrews
- 2 Bulbs in Memory of Avery Arneson
- 2 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 All Veterans
- From Alfred and Mary Arneson**
- 2 Bulbs in Memory of Kathy Gavle
- 2 Bulbs in Memory of Karen Courtney
- 4 Bulbs in Memory of Norris and Francis Gavle
- 2 Bulbs in Memory of Ron Gavle
- 2 Bulbs in Memory of David Gavle
- 2 Bulbs in Memory of Cletus Pladsen
- From Bud Gavle**
- 5 Bulbs in Memory of Martin and Anna Monson
- 5 Bulbs in Memory of Marvin and Ruby Monson
- 5 Bulbs in Memory of Ryan Monson
- 5 Bulbs in Memory of Oscar and Mary Lund
- From Deb Monson**
- 2 Bulbs in Memory of Edgar and Lenora Nelson
- 2 Bulbs in Memory of Walter and Thea Stoen
- 1 Bulbs in Memory of Carol Stoen
- From Darrel Stoen**
- 3 Bulbs in Memory of Frederick Thompson
- 4 Bulbs in Memory of LaVonne and Jesse Young
- 2 Bulbs in Memory of Irving and Mabel Thompson
- 1 Bulbs in Memory of Charles Thompson
- 1 Bulbs in Memory of George Thompson
- 1 Bulbs in Memory of Karen Courtney
- From Emma Thompson**
- 2 Bulbs in Memory of Martin and Nora Arneson
- 2 Bulbs in Memory of Anton and Alma Hovden
- 2 Bulbs in Memory of Stanley Arneson
- 2 Bulbs in Memory of Martha Graves
- 2 Bulbs in Memory of Pat and Bob Usgaard
- From Margaret Arneson**
- 4 Bulbs in Memory of Charles Tilleros
- 8 Bulbs in Memory of Oscar and Irene Tilleros
- 8 Bulbs in Memory of Ole and Emma Tilleros
- 8 Bulbs in Memory of Anton and Ida Ellingson
- 8 Bulbs in Memory of Loran and Velma Bower
- From Gary and Connie Tilleros**

April 2021

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
	<div style="border: 1px solid black; padding: 5px;"> Sunday School will meet each Sunday after service online or in person – student choice </div>			1 Maundy Thursday 6:30 p.m. service at Highland	2  GOOD FRIDAY 6:30 p.m. service at Big Canoe	3
	4 Easter Sunday BC 9:00 a.m. Pie Auction & Breakfast To Go HI 11:00 a.m.. Communion services	5	6	7 Confirmation – online or in person (student choice)	8 Big Canoe council meeting - 6:30 p.m.	9
11 BC 9:00 a.m. HI 11:00 a.m. Council meeting after service Communion services	12	13	14 Confirmation – online or in person (student choice)	15 Newsletter items due	16	17
18 BC 9:00 a.m. HI 11:00 a.m. Blessing of Quilts & Kits for LWR at each service	19	20	21 Confirmation – online or in person (student choice)	22	23	24
25 BC 9:00 a.m. HI 11:00 a.m.	26	27	28 Confirmation – online or in person (student choice)	29	30	May 1

HIGHLAND EVANGELICAL LUTHERAN CHURCH - custodial

4th – Lyle Bjerke
 11th – Danny Dutka
 18th – Al Erickson
 25th – Gary Halverson

**READERS – all are welcome to
 volunteer. Please sign up at
 each church.**

**CHECK OUT OUR WEBSITE AT
 BCHLUTHERAN.COM
 AND BOTH FACEBOOK PAGES – BIG CANOE LUTHERAN
 CHURCH AND HIGHLAND EVANGELICAL LUTHERAN CHURCH**