

Big Canoe & Highland Lutheran Church

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April 2022

NEWSLETTER

April WORSHIP TIMES

Big Canoe 9:00 a.m. – Highland 11:00 a.m.

Joint Service, Sunday, April 24th

10:00 a.m. -Big Canoe

Potluck & conversation with Pastor Gies to follow



- Hannah Circle will meet Wednesday, April 6 at 1:30.
- Highland Council Meeting, Sunday, April 10th, 9:30 a.m.
- Big Canoe Council Meeting, Tuesday, April 12th, 6:30 p.m.
- Cluster D spring gathering, 9:00 a.m., Washington Prairie, April 23rd.
- LWR truck will load on May 7th.

Thank you!

Thank you to all that donated items for the Bremwood bundles. We have enough for 23 complete plus a little extra! Thank you again!

**SPRING
CLEANING**

Church spring cleaning!

No special day is set but if anyone (women, men, youth) has time, please set your own time and help us out! I will have a sheet on the entry table to sign and tell where you cleaned or call Emma - 563-382-4002 or 563-419-4222. We would really appreciate any help we can get.

All are welcome to attend Bible Study from Gather Magazine at Highland Lutheran Church on Friday April 8 at 9:30 am. Currently, there is a special available at gathermagazine.org. New subscribers can get a year's subscription for half price. You can also gift a free, two issue trial of magazine to a new subscriber. Any questions please contact Louise Jetson at 507-498-3216.

Worship Services:

- **March 27th, Highland 9:00 a.m. – Big Canoe 11:00 a.m.**
- **April 3rd, Big Canoe 9:00 a.m. – Highland 11:00 a.m.**
- **April 10th, Big Canoe 9:00 – Highland 11:00 a.m.**
- **April 14th, Maundy Thursday, 6:30 p.m. – Big Canoe**
- **April 15th, Good Friday, 6:30 p.m. – Highland**
- **April 17, Easter Sunday, BC 9:00 – HI 11:00 a.m.**
- **April 24th, 10:00 a.m. Joint Service, Big Canoe. Potluck to follow.**
- **May 1st, Highland 11:00 a.m. - Big Canoe 9:00 a.m.**

Easter breakfast & Pie Auction



Sunday, April 17th
10:00 a.m. (after service)
Sponsored by Luther League
Scrambled eggs, sausage, juice, milk,
coffee & all the fixings!



Free will offering
Proceeds will be split between church repairs of tuck pointing
and to the Luther League mission trip in July.



Are we up for the challenge? LWR is asking us to collect items for Personal Care Kits during Lent. The challenge is to see if each congregation can collect enough supplies to make 40 personal care kits for the 40 days of Lent. We will see which congregation reaches their goal first. Each

congregation will track the donation on the chart near the tote for donations. If you are not a shopper, there will be a container to put cash in, and the stewardship women will take care of picking up the needed items. If you wish to mail a check, please send to Deb Monson for Big Canoe OR Louise Jetson for Highland.

Deb Monson 109 Monroe St, Decorah IA 52101

Louise Jetson 130 Goodview Dr, Spring Grove MN 55974

Ash Wednesday is March 2 and is the start of Lent. Update will be in bulletins and on Facebook.

Personal Care Kit includes:

- 1 light-weight bath size towel (20x40 up to 52x27)
- 2 or 3 bath-size bars of soap in original packaging, (equal to 8 to 9 oz)
- 1 adult size toothbrush in original packaging or multi-packs can be separated into envelopes.
- 1 sturdy comb
- 1 metal nail clippers (can be finger or toe clipper, attached file is optional)

Big Council Meeting March 8, 2022

The Big Canoe Council meeting began at 6:30 pm.

Council members present were Pat O'Regan, Bill Stone, Vern Whitaker, Liz Schafer, Shelly Bigler, Rita Hurd and Treasurer Laurie Emery.

President Pat O'Regan opened the meeting with Prayer.

Secretaries report was corrected and approved.

Treasurer's report was accepted and placed on file.

- The toilet in the men's bathroom has been repaired by Bob, however the shut-off valve is leaking. The plumber will take care of it when he comes out to check over the furnace.
- The new Confirmation gowns have arrived and been returned as they were the wrong color. New ones have been found and purchased at a lower price.
- The Easter breakfast and pie auction will be held after service on April 17, 2022.
- We will be changing our order for Portals of Prayer beginning in September. Rita Motioned, Liz seconded, that we order 15 large print and 25 small print versions. Motion passed.
- We will be removing the blue separating tape from the pews, and resuming at the rail Communion on Easter Sunday, April 17. Bill Motioned, Shelly seconded. Motion passed.
- Pastor would like to have a Joint service followed by a Joint pot luck after the fourth Sunday of each month. This would be held at whichever church was having late service for that month. For example: Big Canoe, on May 22, Highland on June 24, Big Canoe on July 24, August 28 at Highland, etc. Pat will take the idea to the Highland Council for their thoughts. Let your Council members know your thoughts on this.
- Pastor would like to train people to visit the shut-ins and possibly administer Communion to them as he lives so far away. Please contact Pastor for information if you are interested in this outreach.
- Our Sunday School is almost nonexistent. First Communion for fifth graders hasn't been kept up due to covid and we have at least three fifth graders eligible. (Jase Thorson, Allison Bigler and Ella Christopher) There is a Sunday School program from Spark House Digital Children. These were discussed but no conclusions were reached. Please express your thoughts to the Council, we would like to reverse this trend.
- We are still looking for renters for the Parsonage beginning on June 1. Please contact the Council if you have anyone who might be interested.
- Rita Motioned and Vern seconded a motion to adjourn. Motion passed. We closed with the Lord's Prayer.

Respectfully submitted,

Rita Hurd-Thomas

Highland Lutheran Church
Council Meeting
March 6, 2022

Call to Order

The March 6, 2022 organizational meeting of the Highland Lutheran Church council was called to order by President Joyce Bjerke following the 9 a.m. worship service. Others in attendance were: Interim Pastor Waldemar Gies, Virginia Karlsbrotten, Mark Sollien, Secretary Danny Dutka, Treasurer Anna Jetson, Darlene Sollien, Karen Erickson.

Pastor's Report

Pastor Gies would like to have more time to be with members of Highland and Big Canoe beyond the few minutes he has between or after services. He is requesting that we have a Joint Service with potluck following. During the potluck he could have conversation on possible changes we might desire. The Joint Service location would alternate. He also would like to train lay people to conduct worship services at times he may be unable to be with us and he would like to see some members become Eucharistic Ministers to be able to take communion to shut-ins more often than he is able to. Pastor Gies suggested that these be held on the 4th Sunday of the month with the first of these Joint Service and potluck conversations be held on April 24th. Moved by Virginia Karlsbrotten, seconded by Karen Erickson to have a Joint Service at Big Canoe on April 24th at 10 a.m. Potluck meal and conversation to follow at 11 a.m. Motion carried.

Election of Officers

President

Virginia Karlsbrotten nominated Joyce Bjerke for President, Darlene Sollien seconded the nomination. Nominations ceased. All voted in the affirmative to elect Joyce as President.

Vice-President

Darlene Sollien nominated Mark Sollien for Vice-President, Danny Dutka seconded the nomination. Nominations ceased. All voted in the affirmative to elect Mark Sollien as Vice-President.

Secretary

Darlene Sollien nominated Danny Dutka for Secretary, Karen Erickson seconded the nomination. Nominations ceased. All voted in the affirmative to elect Danny Dutka as Secretary.

Council Vacancy

Secretary Dutka stated that he asked Steve Langland if he would consider filling the vacant Council position. Mr. Langland replied that he would be willing to do so with the understanding he may not be physically able to be present at some meetings due to his current medical status. After brief discussion it was moved by Karen Erickson and seconded by Mark Sollien to appoint Steve Langland to the vacant Council position. Motion carried.

Treasurer Report

Anna Jetson provided printed information on the finances of the church. Balances as of February 28, 2022 are: Current \$5007.39, Benevolence \$690.00, Anniversary Fund \$365.10, Improvement Fund \$65,434.84, Scholarship Fund \$5860.49. She stated that we had received a \$5000.00 donation from The Depot Outlet which has been placed in the Improvement Fund.

Treasurer Report (continued)

Treasurer Jetson relayed a request made during the Upper Iowa Conference's annual meeting requesting a donation to their Rostered Ministers Fund. Suggested donation amount is \$50.00 to \$75.00 annually. After discussion it was moved by Darlene Sollien and seconded by Virginia Karlsbroten to donate \$50.00 for this. Motion carried by voice vote.

Treasurer Jetson also requested that the Council consider adding the ELCA's Young Adults in Global Mission (YAGM) to the list of those receiving Benevolence Funds. This could be considered if we have extra funds to distribute at the end of the year.

Other

There has been on and off discussion of updating the Membership Roll. The total number of members being reported to the ELCA and synod seems to be inflated for our current activity level. Previous council action in 2021 stated that the Membership Roll would be examined at the meeting following the 2022 organizational meeting. Therefore, this process will begin at the next meeting.

Next Meeting Date

Council decided their next meeting would be April 10, 2022 at 9:30 a.m.



Adjournment

There being no further business, a motion to adjourn was made by Karen Erickson and seconded by Danny Dutka. Motion carried by voice vote.

Respectfully submitted by,

Danny Dutka
Highland Secretary

April 2021

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
 Easter Sunday BC 9:00 a.m. Pie Auction & Breakfast To Go HI 11:00 a.m.. Communion services	Sunday School will meet each Sunday after service online or in person – student choice			Maundy Thursday 6:30 p.m. service at Highland	 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	10
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.**

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 BCHLUTHERAN.COM
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 CHURCH AND HIGHLAND EVANGELICAL LUTHERAN CHURCH**