

Big Canoe & Highland Lutheran Churches

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NEWSLETTER

Regular worship services:

10:00 a.m. at Highland in February

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

Conference Assembly

February 11

2:00 p.m.

Burr Oak Lutheran Church

Each congregation can have 4 lay voting members and 2 youth voting members besides Pastor attend.

February 23/24 (snow date March 1/2)

All women are invited to join with other women of the Synod at EWALU Stone Center, Strawberry Point for Rejoice and Renew retreat. Registration forms are available at each church, deadline to register is February 19. You can come Friday evening and stay over or do a day trip on Saturday.

Shared Ministry Lenten

Challenge for each congregation to make 40 personal care kits for Lutheran World Relief, representing the 40 days of Lent. Personal Care Kits include 1 lightweight, dark colored bath towel, 8 to 9 ounces of bar soap in original packaging, 1 toothbrush, 1 sturdy comb, 1 nail clipper with or without attached file. Items can be left at each church, labeled for Personal Care Kits, or in Totes labeled for LWR Kits. Thank you!

Report from the **Big Canoe “Hands for Hope”** (WELCA and Quilters) for year of 2023.

Total includes quilts of all sized, lap robes, table runners, and benefit donations – 443

Pine Ridge Indian Reservation – additional donations: warm clothing (adult & children sizes)

28 yards of fabric, variety of colorful ribbon for sewing, Brothers Sewing Machine, spools of thread, sewing box with variety of sewing supplies, cleaning supplies, and children’s books. A total of 81 school kids and 157 personal care kits went on the LWR truck besides all of the quilts and fabric mentioned above.

Global Health Ministries. Rolled Bandages - 1245

Many, many, many thanks to all those who helped in any way. We are truly blessed!!
We could not do this without your help!

Mid-Week Lenten Bible Study - The Fruit of the Spirit

Come join in a gathering on Wednesday mornings during the Season of Lent for an insightful and discussion-focused Bible study. We will meet at the Winneshiek Wildberry Winery on Wednesdays, from 9:00 - 11:00 a.m. We will meet for six sessions, 21 February – 27 March. Refreshments will be enjoyed.

Pastor Randy Kittelson will lead a discussion of the nine fruits of the Spirit, as listed in Galatians 5: 22-23: But the fruit of the Spirit is love, joy, peace, patience, kindness, goodness, faithfulness, gentleness and self-control. Against such things there is no law.

No preparation is required. Just come with your Bible ready to dig in and discuss. If you do wish to prepare, read ahead, and ponder the subject, each Wednesday a list of Bible passages that will be examined and discussed at the next week's gathering will be handed out.

Primary resources used are:

A Deeper Look at the Fruit of the Spirit, by Hazel Offner;
Cultivating the Fruit of the Spirit by Christopher J.H. Wright

Additional resources are:

Living Beyond Yourself: Exploring the Fruit of the Spirit, by Beth Moore;
Fruit of the Spirit, by Lara Velez

Participants will receive a laminated pamphlet poster The Fruit of the Spirit: How the Spirit Works In and Through Believers, published by Rose Publishing.

Lent Round Robin Worship 2024

Each week during Lent one of the churches in our area will host a meal & Lent Worship. Each week at 6:30 pm an all church choir (all are welcome) will practice a song and sing it during the service.

Ash Wednesday February 14th: at your own Church

Wednesday, February 21st: 6pm Meal, Lent Activities & 7pm Worship at Burr Oak

Wednesday, February 28th: 6 pm Meal & 7 pm Worship at St. John's

Wednesday, March 6th: 6 pm Meal, Lent Activities & 7 pm Worship at Hesper

Wednesday, March 13th: 6 pm Meal & 7 pm Worship at Big Canoe

Wednesday, March 20th: 6 pm Meal & 7 pm Worship at Canoe Ridge

Holy Week & Easter: at your own Church

BIG CANOE LUTHERAN CHURCH

2023 TREE OF MEMORIES

- 1 Bulbs in Memory of Christine Lund
 - 2 Bulbs in Memory of Martin and Anna Monson
 - 2 Bulbs in Memory of Marvin and Ruby Monson
 - 3 Bulbs in Memory of Ryan Monson
 - 2 Bulbs in Memory of Oscar and Mary Lund
- From Deb Monson**

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

- 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**

- 2 Bulbs in Memory of Charles Shuros
 - 2 Bulbs in Memory of Helen Arneson
- From Judy Shuros**

- 2 Bulbs in Memory of Carrie and Sander Quandt
 - 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 Amber Frey
- From DuWayne and Raffaella Rude**

- 5 Bulbs in Memory of Jim Hurd
 - 5 Bulbs in Memory of Ron Steinbronn
 - 5 Bulbs in Memory of Marjorie Steinbronn
 - 5 Bulbs in Memory of Hank and Clearance Reese
 - 5 Bulbs in Memory of Carl and Erna Steinbronn
 - 5 Bulbs in Memory of Harold and Nodah Hurd
 - 5 Bulbs in Memory of David Hurd, Brenda and Jennv Earls
- 10 bulbs in Memory of those killed October 7, 2023 in Israel
- From Rita Hurd**

- 1 Bulbs in Memory of Paul Arneson
 - 1 Bulbs in Memory of Lucille Jacobsen
 - 1 Bulbs in Memory of Shirley Arneson
 - 1 Bulbs in Memory of Stanley Arneson
 - 1 Bulbs in Memory of Margaret Arneson
 - 1 Bulbs in Memory of Ralph Arneson
- From Bernice Arneson**

- 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
 - 1 Bulbs in Memory of Robert Young
 - 1 Bulbs in Memory of Debra Ryan
 - 1 Bulbs in Memory of Arthur Towson
 - 1 Bulbs in Memory of Lucille Jacobson
- From Emma Thompson**

- 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

BIG CANOE LUTHERAN CHURCH

2023 TREE OF MEMORIES

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

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 Laura Ness

1 Bulbs in Memory of Ryan Monson

1 Bulbs in Memory of Shane Ryan

1 Bulbs in Memory of Denis Tweten

1 Bulbs in Memory of Gloria Whitney

1 Bulbs in Memory of Gerald Kroshus

1 Bulbs in Memory of Ted Pitzenberger

1 Bulbs in Memory of Kathleen Myrah

1 Bulbs in Memory of Ron Jahnke

1 Bulbs in Memory of Ed Walters

1 Bulbs in Memory of Suzanne Willey

1 Bulbs in Memory of John Wiedeman

1 Bulbs in Memory of Amelia Folkedahl

1 Bulbs in Memory of Helen Knutson

From Gary and Bev Stortz

5 Bulbs in Memory of Brady Stortz

5 Bulbs in Memory of Michael Stortz

5 Bulbs in Memory of Nathan Borreson

3 Bulbs in Memory of Denis Tweten

2 Bulbs in Memory of Amelia Folkedahl

From Mitchell and Amanda Stortz

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

2 Bulbs in Memory of Arthur and Anna Benitz

2 Bulbs in Memory of Bernard and Elaine Walter

2 Bulbs in Memory of Rudy and Grace Sersland

2 Bulbs in Memory of Elmer and Tilvina Bigler

1 Bulbs in Memory of Chuck Shuros

1 Bulbs in Memory of AnnaGrace Krieger

From Brian and Kris Bigler

20 Bulbs in Memory of Oscar and Irene Tilleros

10 Bulbs in Memory of Charles Tilleros

From David and Janice Cronin

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

1 Bulbs in Memory of North Winneshiek School

1 Bulbs in Memory of Adam Christopherson

1 Bulbs in Memory of Students of North Winneshiek School who have passed. BLESS THEM!!

From Alfred and Mary Arneson

2 Bulbs in Memory of Earl and Mavis Arneson

1 Bulbs in Memory of Rodney Halverson

1 Bulbs in Memory of Avery Arneson

1 Bulbs in Memory of Aiden Arneson

1 Bulbs in Memory of Nate Borreson

1 Bulbs in Memory of Rick Halverson

1 Bulbs in Memory of Shad Alfred McAllen

1 Bulbs in Memory of Sherry Lynn McAllen

1 Bulbs in Memory of Richard Paul McAllen

1 Bulbs in Memory of **Joey Rathbun**

1 Bulbs in Memory of Eileen Heth McAllen Eckheart

1 Bulbs in Memory of Alfred and Eldo Eckheart

1 bulbs in Honor of those struggling in today's life!

From Ross Arneson and Susan Beck

1 Bulbs in Memory of Donna Lazarus

1 Bulbs in Memory of Water Thomas

1 Bulbs in Memory of Georganna Landenberger

1 Bulbs in Memory of Marion Folks

From Robert Thomas

1 Bulbs in Memory of Howard Wyatt

1 Bulbs in Memory of Marcella Wyatt

1 Bulbs in Memory of Thomas Fritcher

1 Bulbs in Memory of Sigrid Fritcher

From Ben and Dianne Wyatt

February 2024

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
				1	2	3
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> 9:00 KPAUCGG (Intergenerational Sunday School) meet at HI 9:00 Caffeine & Christ Bible Study at HI 10:00 Joint Worship HI Communion Potluck meal Highland Annual meeting 	5	6	7	8	9	10
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> 9:00 Caffeine & Christ Bible Study at HI 10:00 Joint Worship HI Communion Coffee Fellowship Highland Women of ELCA meeting 12:30 Shared Ministry Mtg. at Burr Oak 2:00 Conference Assembly at Burr Oak 	12	13	14	15	16	17
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> 9:00 Caffeine & Christ Bible Study at HI 10:00 Joint Worship HI 	19	20	21	22	23	24
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<ul style="list-style-type: none"> 9:00 Caffeine & Christ Bible Study at HI 10:00 Joint Worship HI 	25					Women of Synod at EWALU Stone Center, Rejoice and Renew Retreat Sunday March 3 10:00 service at Big Canoe
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						Ash Wednesday service at Big Canoe 6:30 p.m. 9:00 - 11:00 AM Bible Study at Winn. Wildberry Winery 6:00 Lenten Meal 6:30 Choir Rehearsal 7:00 Worship at Burr Oak Lutheran 9:00 - 11:00 AM Bible Study at Winn. Wildberry Winery 6:00 Lenten Meal 6:30 Choir Rehearsal 7:00 Worship at Glenwood
						Big Canoe & Highland website: www.bchlutheran.org



~ Shared Ministry Newsletter ~ February 2024

 *To submit information for the monthly Shared Ministry newsletter, please email Linda Folstad at linda.folstad@lutheran.org
 By: February 15th for the March 2024 Newsletter

LIVING LUTHERAN
 Living Lutheran Magazine is changing their format to digital only. Visit the website at livinglutheran.org to sign up and have the digital copy emailed to you. There are options for customizing digital delivery and printing out all of the edition or selected pages.

BIBLE STUDY

All are invited to join us for Bible Study held at Highland Lutheran Church February 9, 2024 at 9:30 am!

Discussion centers around Bible studies in the **GATHER** Magazine, an ELCA publication.
Bring a friend!

SHARED MINISTRY MEETING
 The next Shared Ministry meeting will be held on Sunday, February 11, 2024 at 12:30 pm at Burr Oak Lutheran Church. A light lunch will be served. All are welcome to attend these meetings as we seek out ways to work together to share God's Word and God's love. If you are unable to attend the meeting but have ideas to share please let your Shared Ministry representative or pastor know.



WEDNESDAY MORNING LENTEN BIBLE STUDY

St. John's & Hauge are holding a Bible Study at Winneshiek Wildberry Winery during Lent. Bible Study will meet at 9:00 am on Wednesday, February 21st & 28th, and on March 6th, 13th & 20th. Pastor Randy Kittleson will lead Bible Study and coffee and treats will be provided.
All are welcome to attend!

REJOICE & RENEW— Women of the ELCA Appreciation Event
An invitation is extended to women belonging to the ELCA and Friends
Friday, Feb. 23: Arrive at 4 pm and enjoy a Potato Bar, hymn sing, game and craft. Stay overnight & meals. Cost is \$35.00.
Saturday, Feb. 24. Come for the day. Breakfast/coffee at 8:00 am. Noon meal. Learn about global health ministries, hymn sing, Bible study, rolling bandages. Day ends at 3:00 pm. Cost is \$15.00
 The event will be held at EWALU Stone Center in Strawberry Point, and is hosted by North-eastern Iowa Women of the ELCA Spinal Board and Katie's Fund. Sign up dates are March 1 & 2

Laura Ingalls Wilder Museum Annual Spaghetti Supper/Fundraiser
 Sunday, March 9, 2024 4:30—7:00 pm at Decorah Lutheran Church
 Live Auction and homemade pies! Adults: \$15 Children: \$5 (age 5-12)
 Age 4 and under: Free Carry outs available.

Worship Services ~ February 2024

	February 4	February 11	February 14 <i>Ash Wednesday</i>	February 18	February 25
Highland Pr. Waldemar Berges, Int.	Joint worship 10:00 am at Highland <i>Christ & Coffee</i> & Intergenerational Sunday School	Joint worship 10:00 am at Highland <i>Christ & Coffee</i>	6:30 pm Joint Ash Wednesday worship at Big Canoe	Joint Worship 10:00 am at Highland <i>Christ & Coffee</i>	Joint Worship 10:00 am at Highland <i>Christ & Coffee</i>
Hesper	8:30 am <i>Coffee/Fellowship</i>	8:30 am <i>Coffee/Fellowship</i>	Ash Wednesday Joint Worship 4:00 pm & 7:00 pm in Burr Oak. <i>Imposition of Ashes & Holy Communion</i>	8:30 am <i>Coffee/Fellowship</i>	8:30 am <i>Coffee/Fellowship</i>
Burr Oak Pr. David Werges Lisa Kammerer—Deacon	10:00 am	10:00 am		10:00 am	10:00 am
Canoe Ridge	8:30 am 10:30 am	10:30 am 8:30 am		8:30 am 10:30 am	10:30 am 8:30 am
Glenwood Pr. Matthew Russler					
St. John's	Joint worship 9:30 am at St. John's	Joint worship 9:30 am at Hauge	Joint Ash Wednesday worship at 6:00 pm at St. John's	Joint Worship 9:30 am at St. John's	Joint Worship 9:30 am at Hauge
Hauge Pr. Randy Kittleson					

ELCA TUESDAY
 Glenwood Lutheran Church (Old Stage Road) **FAT TUESDAY Drive-thru meal: February 13th from 4-6 pm.**
 Menu includes: Pancakes, Biscuits & Sausage Gravy, muffins and applesauce. All are welcome!

Upcoming Events—2024
 Feb. 11—12:30 pm Shared Ministry Meeting/B Oak
 Feb. 11—2:00 pm Conference Assembly/B Oak
 Feb. 14—Ash Wednesday
 Feb. 19—Lutheran Day on the Hill
 Feb. 21—9:00 am Weekly Lenten Bible Study begins at Winneshiek Wildberry Winery
 Feb. 24 & 25 - SWO Retreat at EWALU
 Snow date March 2 & 3
 Apr. 20—Spring Cluster Mtg. at Good Shepherd

Websites:
www.WomenoftheELCA.org
www.NEIAsynod.org
www.bchlutheran.org
www.glenwoodlutheran.org
www.bohlutheran.org
www.hauge.lutheran.com
 Big Canoe/Highland Lutheran
 Glenwood/Canoe Ridge
 Burr Oak/Hesper Lutheran
 Hauge/St. John's Lutheran

Lenten Round Robin Worship Schedule
 Lenten worship will be on a Round Robin schedule, alternating between area churches in the Shared Ministry Group. Ash Wednesday, Holy Week & Easter worship will be held in home churches. Meal at 6 pm. Choir practice at 6:30 pm and worship at 7 pm. Loose and undesignated offering will be equally divided between Decorah & Mabel food pantries.

February 21	Burr Oak	Pr. Randy Kittleson
February 28	St. John's	Pr. David Werges
March 6	Hesper	Pr. Waldemar Berges
March 13	Big Canoe	Pr. Matthew Rossler
March 20	Canoe Ridge	Bishop Kevin Jones