

Big Canoe & Highland Lutheran Churches

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NEWSLETTER

Regular worship services:

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

10:00 a.m. at Highland in February

Annual Meetings:

Big Canoe, Sunday, January 28th

Highland, Sunday, February 4th

Big Canoe WELCA Officers for the coming year will be; Co-Presidents: Emma Thompson and Judy Shuros, Secretary: Bev Stortz, Treasurer: Deb Monson, Stewardship: Sandra Gavle and Dee Wyatt, Historian: Deb Monson.

MESSAGE FROM BIG CANOE REGARDING LUTEFISK DINNER

People have been asking about a possible Lutefisk dinner hosted by our church.

There are no plans for any lutefisk dinner in any form. A long list of reasons, but short answer is, NO Lutefisk Supper! Maybe some year in the future. This being said, be aware that the Highlandville General Store has fresh and frozen fish available for your personal needs.



Gather Bible Study

9:30 a.m.

Highland

(if no school, bible study is cancelled).

**The Rebecca/Tabitha Circle
serves for the Annual Meeting**

**Shared ministry meeting
1:00, Hesper Lutheran**

The last print issue of the ***Living Lutheran was November/December 2023.***

The magazine content will continue to be available at livinglutheran.org at no cost to readers. No login information is needed to access the website. If you would like to sign up for the magazine's free e-digest, where you can get links to stories based on your preference delivered to your inbox weekly, biweekly, or monthly go to livinglutheran.org/subscribe.

Joint Council Meeting, December 17, 2023

The Big Canoe and Highland church councils met for their Joint Council meeting following the Christmas program at Big Canoe church with all members present.

Brian opened the meeting with a call to order. Pastor led us in a prayer of blessing.

OLD BUSINESS

- Where we should hold church services were discussed. Big Canoe for January, February and March in winter and Highland in July, August and September were suggested. Most thought that the service location schedule we have was best. Rita motioned, Mark seconded, that we keep the schedule as is. Motion passed. In 2024 it will be: Big Canoe in; January, March, May, July, September and November. Highland in; February, April, June, August, October and December. Special occasions and events can be changed to accommodate the host church.
- The Big Canoe Annual meeting will be held January 28, 2024, and Highland's will be February 4, 2024.
- The WELCA of Big Canoe will be holding its Drive-through Chicken Dinner on June 9, 2024.

NEW BUSINESS

- The 2024 Joint budget was discussed. Since we have not called a new pastor and there were no new expenses in the new year's outlook, Pat motioned, and Mark seconded, that we pass the budget with no changes. Motion by Pat, seconded by Mark, that we pass the budget on a continuing resolution. Motion passed.
- We discussed having a joint Mission Statement for the front of our bulletins. The statement needs to be eye catching and stimulating. All members are encouraged to think of an idea and submit it to the council.

Rita motioned and Steve seconded that we adjourn with the Lord's Prayer. Motion passed.

Respectfully submitted, Rita Thomas

Wishing
★ YOU A
Blessed
★ NEW YEAR ★

January 2024

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
	1	2	3	4	5	6
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Service-Big Canoe 10 AM • Communion • Big Canoe Council meeting after service • Highland Council Meeting after service 	8	9	10	11	12	13
	15	16	17	18	19	20
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Service- Big Canoe 10 AM • Communion <p>Shared ministry meeting 1:00, Hesper Lutheran</p>	22	23	24	25	26	27
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Service-Big Canoe 10 AM 	29	30	31	February 1	February 2	February 3
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Service- Big Canoe 10 AM • Big Canoe Annual Meeting 						
<p>February 4</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Service-Highland 10 AM • Highland Annual Meeting 						
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