

**Big Canoe & Highland Lutheran
Joint Council Meeting
December 11, 2022**

Call to Order

Highland President Joyce Bjerke called the Joint Council meeting to order at approximately 11:41 a.m. in the dining room of Highland Lutheran Church on December 11, 2022

In attendance were Pastor Gies, from Big Canoe: President Pat O'Regan, Secretary Rita Thomas, Bill Stoen, Shelley Bigler, Treasurer Laurie Emery. Highland: President Joyce Bjerke, Secretary Danny Dutka, Darlene Sollien, Mark Sollien, Steve Langland, Virginia Karlsbrotten, Karen Erickson, Treasurer Anna Jetson. Guest Alan Erickson.

Opening Devotions

Pastor Gies gave an opening prayer.

Secretary Report

Highland secretary Danny Dutka read the minutes of the June 26, 2022 meeting. Moved by Rita Thomas to approve as read, motion seconded by Steve Langland. Motion carried by voice vote.

Treasurer Report

The joint budget shows expenses of: Pastoral Ministry \$41862.52, Parsonage and Farm \$650.00 (property taxes), Administration \$5705.54, Worship and Services \$500.00, Total to date \$48,718.06. This amount could change as there are a few days left in the year. Total expenses budgeted for 2022 is \$114,000.00. This would allow calling of a permanent pastor.

The Parsonage Account report shows a carry over balance of \$3455.50 from 12-31-21. Receipts of \$13,922.04, Disbursements of \$6,945.18. Balance on hand as of 12-10-22.

Parsonage & Farm

The roofs of the barn and parsonage were replaced due to ongoing issues with leaks. Total cost was \$30,305.58. Currently the insurance company has authorized a claim in the amount of \$20,793.04 leaving an out of pocket amount of \$9512.54. Big Canoe would pay 75% and Highland 25%. Proposed by Pat O'Regan to use \$6000.00 from the parsonage account and the balance from monies received from cropland rent to pay the outstanding balance to the contractor at this time. Since an insurance claim was submitted for doing a portion of both roofs there may be additional insurance reimbursement available with further negotiations.

Motion by Mark Sollien to use \$6000.00 from the parsonage account and \$3512.54 from cropland rental to pay the contractor was seconded by Rita Thomas. Motion carried by voice vote.

Pat O'Regan stated that the farmland should be limed as it hasn't been done in a number of years. Bill Stoen moved to have this done, motion seconded by Mark Sollien. Motion carried by voice vote.

Virginia Karlsbrotten asked about the fogged glass in the windows in the living room and dining room that were mentioned in the minutes of the June 26 meeting. Danny Dutka stated that the window sashes had glazing beads which would allow for the replacement of glass only versus replacing the complete sash or window. The windows appeared to have been installed in 1996 per the date on the insulated glass therefore long out of any warranty.

Pastor's Report

Pastor Gies stated he has had an instruction session for laypersons to take communion to shut ins. Has or will have sessions on how to lead worship services. Spoke with Bishop Jones on "licensing" lay leaders to serve communion during a worship service. Planning of Christmas services is ongoing.

2023 Budget

Discussion on the proposed 2023 Joint Budget began with basic thought that the 2022 budget numbers could be used. The 2022 total joint budget is \$114,000.00.

Discussion on raising the hourly rate for secretary Denise Gulrud was held. It was noted that she has been bringing the bulletins to the sites during the time of higher gas prices without additional compensation. The current rate is \$12.50 per hour with approximately 30 hours per month being submitted. Further discussion resulted in a motion by Rita Thomas to increase the rate to \$15.00 per hour. Motion was seconded by Steve Langland. Motion carried by voice vote.

The only other change to the proposed 2023 budget was to increase the Guest Speakers/Mileage from \$1300.00 to \$2000.00.

Steve Langland stated that each church may want to consider discussing stipends for lay leaders when they conduct a service if and when that time comes.

A motion by Shelley Bigler to submit a proposed total joint budget of \$115,800.00 to our respective congregations for approval was seconded by Steve Langland. Motion carried by voice vote.

Adjournment

A motion to adjourn was made by Rita Thomas and seconded by Steve Langland. Motion carried by voice vote. The Lord's Prayer was recited.

Respectively submitted by,

Danny Dutka
Highland Secretary

Big Canoe Lutheran Church Tree of Memories

2022

1 Bulb in Memory of Forrest Ryan
1 Bulb in Memory of Gladys Ryan
1 Bulb in Memory of Rick Ryan
1 Bulb in Memory of Shane Ryan
1 Bulb in Memory of Bobby Ryan
1 Bulb in Memory of Earl Radeke
1 Bulb in Memory of Marj Radeke
1 Bulb in Memory of Barry Peacock
1 Bulb in Memory of Dennis Juve
1 Bulb in Memory of Ami Schmeltzer
1 Bulb in Memory of Mike Stortz

From Pat and Karran Ryan

2 Bulbs in Memory of Albert and Anna Tangen
2 Bulbs in Memory of John and Myrtle Tangen
1 Bulb in Memory of Belma Gavle
1 Bulb in Memory of John Gary Tangen
2 Bulbs in Memory of Don and Mary Jean Sivesind
2 Bulbs in Memory of Nels and Bessie Gavle

From Janet Tangen Starr

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 Bulb in Memory of Larry Tweten
1 Bulb in Memory of Lynnette Tweten
1 Bulb in Memory of Shirleen Tweten
1 Bulb in Memory of Laura Ness
1 Bulb in Memory of Rick Monson
1 Bulb in Memory of Shane Ryan
1 Bulb in Memory of Chuck Shuros
1 Bulb in Memory of Harold Lee
1 Bulb in Memory of Debra Ryan
1 Bulb in Memory of Arlan and Ellen (Bidne) Brown
1 Bulb in Memory of Marcella Amundson
1 Bulb in Memory of Ernie Engen Sr.
1 Bulb in Memory of Frank Carolan
1 Bulb in Memory of Pat Curtain
1 Bulb in Memory of Dorothy Stoen
1 Bulb in Memory of Clair Knutson
1 Bulb in Memory of Bradley Karlsbrotten
1 Bulb in Memory of John Baird
1 Bulb in Memory of Forrest Folkedahl
1 Bulb in Memory of Kenneth Schultz

From Gary and Bev Stortz

2 Bulbs in Memory of Amber Frey

From DuWayne and Raffaella Rude

1 Bulb in Memory of Gilbert and Joan Gjere
1 Bulb in Memory of Ted and Inez Gjere

From Bernice Doering

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

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

2 Bulbs in Memory of Earl and Mavis Arneson
2 Bulbs in Memory of Beth and Tom Andrews
1 Bulb in Memory of Avery Arneson
1 Bulb in Memory of Aiden Arneson
2 Bulbs in Memory of Deane and Maxine Morris
2 Bulbs in Memory of Ed and Lori Ottney
1 Bulb in Memory of North Winneshiek School
1 Bulb in Memory of Adam Christopherson
1 Bulb in Memory of Students of North Winneshiek School who have passed

From Alfred and Mary Arneson

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

From David and Janice Cronin

2 Bulbs in Memory of Carrie and Sander Quandahl
2 Bulbs in Memory of John and Myrtle Tangen
1 Bulb in Memory of Belma Gavle

From Gordan and Sandra Tangen

1 Bulb in Memory of Paul Arneson
1 Bulb in Memory of Margaret Arneson
1 Bulb 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 Bulb in Memory of Charles Thompson
1 Bulb in Memory of George Thompson
1 Bulb in Memory of Karen Courtney
1 Bulb in Memory of Robert Young
1 Bulb in Memory of Debra Ryan
1 Bulb in Memory of Arthur Towson

From Emma Thompson

1 Bulb in Memory of Emil and Synneva Engen
1 Bulb in Memory of Ami Engan Schmelzer

From Dave and Mary Engan

1 Bulb in Memory of Ami Engan Schmelzer

From Dave and Cindy Smith

1 Bulb in Memory of Ami Engan Schmelzer

From Zach and McKenzie Schmelzer

2 Bulbs in Memory of Charles Shuros
2 Bulbs in Memory of Helen Arneson

From Judy Shuros

1 Bulb 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 Bulb in Memory of Beatrice Iverson
1 Bulb in Memory of Gene Vine
1 Bulb in Memory of Steve Palmer
1 Bulb in Memory of Helen Arneson

From Ron and Shirley Bigler and Families

Big Canoe Lutheran Church Tree of Memories

2022

- 2 Bulbs in Memory of Arland and Anet Emery
- 2 Bulbs in Memory of Earl and Mavis Arneson
- 2 Bulbs in Memory of Brad Engeldinger
- 2 Bulbs in Memory of Genevieve Bentley

From Steve and Laurie Emery

- 1 Bulb in Memory of Nathan Iverson
- 1 Bulb in Memory of Stanley and Darlene Iverson
- 1 Bulb in Memory of Hank Snyder
- 1 Bulb in Memory of William Snyder
- 1 Bulb in Memory of Theodore and Rose Iverson

From Jeff and Diane Turner

- 1 Bulb in Memory of Our Grandparents
- 1 Bulb in Memory of William Walk
- 1 Bulb in Memory of Bob Walk
- 1 Bulb in Memory of Stortz Family
- 1 Bulb in Memory of Borreson Family- Nathan
- 1 Bulb in Memory of Helen Arneson
- 4 Bulbs in Memory of Big Canoe Ladies, singers, quilters, bakers, that have passed away

From Carey and Tammy Nordheim

- 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 Debra Ryan
- 2 Bulbs in Memory of Robert Forde
- 2 Bulbs in Memory of Chuck Shuros
- 2 Bulbs in Memory of Helen Arneson
- 2 Bulbs in Memory of Bev Stoskopf
- 2 Bulbs in Memory of Nathan Borreson

From Bud Gavle

- 2 Bulbs in Memory of Ellen Bidne Brown
- 2 Bulbs in Memory of George Bidne
- 2 Bulbs in Memory of Arland Brown
- 2 Bulbs in Memory of Irene Gulrud
- 1 Bulb in Memory of Knut Bidne
- 1 Bulb in Memory of Marie Bidne
- 1 Bulb in Memory of Theodore Berge
- 1 Bulb in Memory of Amanda Berge
- 1 Bulb in Memory of Mike Stortz
- 1 Bulb in Memory of Brady Stortz
- 1 Bulb in Memory of Nathan Borreson

From Kevin and Doreen Bidne

- 2 Bulbs in Memory of Martin and Anna Monson
- 2 Bulbs in Memory of Marvin and Ruby Monson
- 2 Bulbs in Memory of Ryan Monson
- 2 Bulbs in Memory of Oscar and Mary Lund
- 1 Bulb in Memory of Christine Lund
- 2 Bulbs in Memory of Ray and Betty Burke
- 1 Bulb in Memory of Jerry Burke
- 1 Bulb in Memory of Mike Stortz
- 1 Bulb in Memory of Brady Stortz
- 1 Bulb in Memory of Nate Borreson
- 1 Bulb in Memory of Aiden Arneson
- 1 Bulb in Memory of Avery Arneson
- 1 Bulb in Memory of Chuck Shuros
- 1 Bulb in Memory of Karen Courtney
- 1 Bulb in Memory of Debra Ryan
- 1 Bulb in Memory of Forrest Folkedahl

From Rick and Jan Monson

- 1 Bulb in Memory of Mary Herman
- 1 Bulb in Memory of Gerald "Pete" and Sharon Meyer
- 1 Bulb in Memory of Donald "Doc" Meyer
- 1 Bulb in Memory of Tammy Hageman
- 1 Bulb in Memory of Edwin and Evelyn Bullerman
- 1 Bulb in Memory of Bertha and Alfred Meyer
- 1 Bulb in Memory of Russell and Clara White
- 1 Bulb in Memory of Lori Bullerman
- 1 Bulb in Memory of Arlo Bullerman
- 1 Bulb in Memory of Jerry Bullerman
- 1 Bulb in Memory of Roland "Rolly" Meyer
- 1 Bulb in Memory of Richard and Darlene Meyer
- 1 Bulb in Memory of Harold "Hoot" and Doris Meyer

From Bill and Lisa Bullerman and Family

January 2023

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
1 Big Canoe 10:00 a.m. Communion	2	3	4	5	6	7
8 Big Canoe 10:00 a.m. Communion	9	10	11	12	13	14
15 Big Canoe 10:00 a.m.	16 Newsletter items due	17	18	19	20	21
22 Big Canoe 10:00 a.m.	23	24	25	26	27	28
29 Big Canoe 10:00 a.m. Big Canoe Annual Meeting following service	30	31	February 1	February 2	February 3	February 4
February 5 Highland 10:00 a.m. Highland Annual Meeting following service		February services 10:00 a.m. Highland	March services 10:00 a.m. Big Canoe			
						Big Canoe & Highland website: www.bchlutheran.org



~ Shared Ministry Newsletter ~ January 2023



The Shared Ministry Group prepares an informational newsletter each month, which is available for churches to distribute to their congregations. The newsletter will include items of interest, worship times, and other pertinent information.

*To submit information for the monthly Shared Ministry newsletter, please email
Linda Folstad at linda.folstad49@gmail.com

By: February 6th for the February 2023 Newsletter



All are invited to join us for Bible Study held at Highland Lutheran Church January 13th at 9:30 am! The Bible Study Group is comprised of women from area churches and meets on the second Friday of each month. Discussion centers around Bible studies in the GATHER Magazine, an ELCA publication.

If you are interested in joining a Bible Study group but are unable to attend morning meetings at Highland please contact Linda at linda.folstad49@gmail.com and suggest a meeting time that works for you. We would like to offer another meeting time and date if there is interest.

Please join us for an Informational Gathering....

The women of Big Canoe and Highland Lutheran Churches invite you to attend our gathering with Friends of the Family, the non-profit organization that assists victims of Human Trafficking in our area. They will share with us what human trafficking is, how we can help those affected, how can we help prevent it. It may help some of us to recognize human trafficking as it occurs in our world. It may also give us some ideas on how we can make a difference for victims or prevent others from becoming a victim.

The presentation will be held at 2:00 pm on Wednesday, January 11, 2023 at Big Canoe Lutheran Church, 1381 Big Canoe Road, Decorah, with time for questions and answers, followed by refreshments. We will collect in-kind offering or free will donations for Friends of the Family.

Friends of the family was organized in 1992 for the purpose of providing services to victims and survivors of domestic violence and sexual assault. The organization has since expanded to aid people in 27 Iowa counties.

Upper Iowa River Conference Meeting Sunday February 12, 2023 2:00 pm

Pr. Peter Kowitz, Decorah Lutheran Church hosting. Lay voting members to the Synod Assembly and rostered ministers are asked to attend. There will be a program with fellowship to follow.

Worship Services January 2023

	January 1	January 8	January 15	January 22	January 29
Big Canoe	10:00 am: Joint worship Big Canoe & Highland worship at Big Canoe	10:00 am Joint Big Canoe & Highland - Worship at Big Canoe	10:00 am Joint Big Canoe & Highland Worship at Big Canoe	10:00 am Joint Big Canoe & Highland Worship at Big Canoe	10:00 am Joint Big Canoe & Highland Worship at Big Canoe
Highland					
Burr Oak	8:30 am	8:30 am	8:30 am	10:00 am BO Annual Mtg. 8:30 am	8:30 am
Hesper	10:00 am	10:00 am	10:00 am		10:00 am H Annual Mtg.
Glenwood	9:30 am Lessons & Carols - Joint Lay service at Glenwood.	9:30 am - Joint worship at Canoe Ridge	9:30 am Joint worship At Glenwood	9:30 am - Joint worship at Canoe Ridge Annual Meeting	9:30 am Joint worship at Glenwood Annual Meeting
Canoe Ridge					
St. John's	9:30 am	9:30 am	9:30 am	9:30 am	9:30 am
Hauge					

Substance Abuse Network

At the Synod Assembly in June one of the four resolutions adopted was the establishment of a network dedicated to those in the grasp of addiction, their families, congregations and those wanting to help. The Substance Abuse Network will advise leaders and congregations on various matters including ways to collaborate and form partnerships with organizations like Alcoholics Anonymous, An-anon, Narcotics Anonymous, and others. Lay and clergy members are being sought to make up the network. For more information or to indicate interest in this new endeavor contact Pr. Tom Martin (563-419-3173), or email tommartin@comm1net.net

"Glory to God in highest heaven: Who unto man His son has given. While angels sing with tender mirth, A glad new year to all the earth." (Martin Luther)

- Websites:**
- www.womenoftheelca.org
 - www.NEIASynod.org
 - www.bch Lutheran.org
 - www.glenwoodlutheran.org
 - www.bobtlutheran.org
 - www.haugelutheran.com
- Big Canoe/Highland Lutheran
Glenwood/Canoe Ridge Lutheran
Burr Oak/Hesper Lutheran
Hauge/St. John's Lutheran