

Big Canoe & Highland Lutheran Church

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NEWSLETTER

BIG CANOE NEWS

LUTHER LEAGUE NEWS

Thank you all who attended & supported the pie auction and grab and go roll on Easter! We raised \$2567 minus a few expenses. We appreciate all of the support! The money will be used for a summer retreat and other activities throughout the year.

**May 8th - Walk to Highlandville – 10 a.m.
benefit for Phyllis Maroushek.
See flyer for more info!**

Luther League meeting May 23rd – 10 a.m.
Questions, please contact
Ashley Borreson 563-419-9507
or Tammy Nordheim 563-546-7716

Thank you's

Thank you to everyone who contributed to the making of 22 quilts, 12 personal care kits, 15 baby care kits, and 33 fabric kits that were sent on May 1st to LWR. I think we do well for a church our size!

Several of us quilters took Pastor Dave a quilt and lap robe and had a wonderful visit with him. He was so appreciative.

He wanted to let everyone that he says hello and thinks of us. His address is Unit 206 Reimer St SW, Kingston Court, Elkader, IA 52043

LAST DAY OF SUNDAY SCHOOL – SUNDAY, MAY 2ND

**CONFIRMATION
SUNDAY, MAY 2ND
CONGRATULATIONS TO
BRAYDEN THOMPSON**

**BACCALAUREATE
SUNDAY, MAY 9TH**

BIG CANOE WELCA & CHURCH CLEANING

Quilting continues each Wednesday morning. There is also some spring cleaning left to be done – balcony, all of the basement, and Bob could use some help each Saturday vacuuming. Questions – contact Emma at 563-382-4002.

**Hannah Circle, May 4th
1:30 p.m. at the church - Lesson 2**

Message from Pastor Mark Anderson:
To the good people of Highland Lutheran, who sent additional \$565.00 to the ELCA Disaster Relief. That is just amazing and wonderful. Thank you very, very much from your buddy Mark Anderson.

Thank you for your donation of \$350.00 to Tweeten Lutheran Healthcare Center, Inc. The Gundersen Tweeten Care Center's mission is "to nurture a family-based environment by learning about each person and serving their needs." Your support will aid us in being able to carry out this mission.

Big Canoe Council Meeting Thursday, April 8, 2021

Meeting was called to order

Laurie gave the treasurer's report. Balance is \$5,209.82 with no loan balances owed.

Minutes were approved as published in the April Newsletter.

Old Business: The rental sheet was reviewed and a minor changes noted: Whomever is the acting Pastor at the time of the event will need to review and approve the requested(if any) church services.

Council is looking for interested parties in the Pastor search. We already have Tammy, Colleen, and Ashley and requesting a HS Luther League member to serve as well. Any interested parties should contact a Council Member.

The Council is working on an Interim Offer to Pastor Gies with the Synod. Pastor is interested to help support our communities. More to come as we visit with the Synod.

The \$500 donation from Regan Jewell, I believe, is going to be used for trees. Pat Is looking further into that.

A new set of Liturgical Stoles to be chosen by the Altar Committee was approved for purchase up to \$1500. This amount should be more than sufficient to cover the purchase and likely they will not need this much.

A brief update on the status of the Parsonage was given. Bob has been checking regularly and we have an agreement with a pest control person. This issue is in continuing discussion.

Council was advised of the Benefit for Phyllis being chaired by Luther League and Social Concerns committee.

If you are having a baby baptized please give Colleen a week's notice so she can ready the baby's stole.

Meeting closed with the Our Father and all were dismissed.

HIGHLAND NEWS

Highland Lutheran Church Council Meeting - April, 11, 2021

Call to Order

The April 11, 2021 meeting of the Highland Lutheran Church council was called to order by President Joyce Bjerke at approximately 9:30 a.m. Others in attendance were Vice President Al Erickson, Secretary Danny Dutka, Treasurer Ann Jetson, Steve Langland, Virginia Karlsbrotten and Karen Erickson WELCA President.

Opening Prayer

President Bjerke gave an opening prayer.

Secretary Report

Danny Dutka read the minutes of the last council meeting held on February 28, 2021. There being no corrections or additions it was moved by Steve Langland to approve the minutes. Virginia Karlsbrotten seconded the motion. Motion carried by voice vote.

Treasurer Report

Anna Jetson presented the Treasurer Report. The end of the first quarter balances were: Current \$4076.76, Benevolence \$481.00, 125th Anniversary \$355.10, Improvement \$45046.87, Scholarship \$5855.12. We have receipt of \$50 direct deposit from Thrivent which happens yearly, we would like to acknowledge our benefactor, however due to it being a direct deposit there is no accompanying donor information. Moved by Steve Langland, seconded by Al Erickson to file report for audit. Motion carried by voice vote.

Pastoral Vacancy

Rev. Stephen Brackett of the NE Iowa Synod will be at Big Canoe on Thursday April 15 at 6 p.m. to inform us of what we need to do to start the call process.

Shared Ministry

We have received a letter from St. Johns (Locust) and Hauge call committee wondering of our interest in discussing the possible formation of geographic parishes. Consensus at our Annual Meeting was that we should continue discussions with area churches. Council affirmed this and will send a reply.

Newer Business

The council discussed making more formal arrangements with Rev. Gies. He has indicated he would be willing to continue serving our congregations. Currently he is acting as a Supply Pastor providing us with worship services and being paid according to Synod guidelines. With a more formal agreement he could be considered an Interim. A suggestion that this be a quarter time position made the Council wrestle with what a quarter time in a Pastor's world would be. We discussed what we would like him to do for us. That list includes: Sunday and other services including funerals, assist with Youth Education (Sunday School & Confirmation), Visitation of shut in's, provide Pastoral message for newsletter, conduct some Adult education, possibly have "office hours" one day per week. Council discussed a potential salary figure, he would also receive a Social Security offset on that salary and mileage reimbursement at the I.R.S. rate. The agreement would be reviewed at a joint council meeting at the end of the year. Danny Dutka moved to take these thoughts to Big Canoe for further discussion. Steve Langland seconded the motion. Motion passed by voice vote.

Newer Business (continued)

The Secretary provided those in attendance a proposed 2021 Directory of council members, committee members, and delegates. After a correction is made the Directory will be published in the newsletter. The Janitorial (usher) schedule for worship services will also be placed in the newsletter.

The Secretary mentioned that the Calling Tree also needs updating. The Secretary will make the changes needed and present to the Council. The Calling Tree is used by the Council when we need to contact people when we cancel services due to inclement weather.

A suggestion was made that the Council should review the Membership Roster. Some corrections should be made as people have passed away, have transferred out, are known to attend other churches, or just haven't been active in attendance or support. No formal action was taken.

There is concern over the water quality at the church. We have been providing chilled bottled water for Pastor vs. from the tap. A sample of water will be taken to the County for testing.

President Bjerke noted that there is a uneven joint on the sidewalk from the north tree line that should be marked with bright paint until this can be addressed otherwise.

Adjournment

Due to it being almost 11 a.m. it was moved and seconded to adjourn. Motion carried.

Respectfully submitted by, Danny Dutka - Highland Secretary



Big Canoe Lutheran Church Benefit Walk For Phyllis Maroushek

Saturday May 8th 10 AM

(Starting at Big Canoe Lutheran Church and walking to Highlandville)

Grab-n-Go Hot Dog Lunch
Silent Auction (ends at 12:30PM)
T-Shirts available at this link:

<https://maroushekstrong.itemorder.com/sale>

(Deadline to order t-shirts is 4/28/21)

Phyllis Maroushek was recently diagnosed with cancer and is undergoing medical treatment. Phyllis and her husband Bob are wonderful caretakers of the Big Canoe Lutheran Church and cemetery grounds. Hard workers that would help anyone that needed a hand. Let's show our support for this family!

May 2021

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
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2 HI 9:00 a.m. Last day of Sunday School Confirmation BC 11:00 a.m.. Communion services	3	4 Hannah Circle 1:30 p.m. at BC	5	6 Big Canoe council meeting - 6:30 p.m.	7	8 Walk to Highlandville benefit for Phyllis Maroushek
9 HI 9:00 a.m. Council meeting after service BC 11:00 a.m. Communion services Baccalaureate	10	11	12	13 Newsletter items due	14	15
16 HI 9:00 a.m. BC 11:00 a.m.	17	18	19	20	21	22
23 BC 9:00 a.m. HI 11:00 a.m. Decorah graduation	24	25	26	27	28	29
30 HI 9:00 a.m. BC 11:00 a.m.	31 Memorial Day					

HIGHLAND EVANGELICAL LUTHERAN CHURCH - custodial

2nd – Dennis Karlsbroten
 9th – Mark Sollien
 16th – Lowell Walhus
 23rd – Lyle Bjerke
 30th – Jack Kolka

**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**

Highland Lutheran Directory 2021

Council Term Expires 2022

Al Erickson
Lyle Bjerke
Steve Langland

Council Officers

President: Joyce Bjerke
Vice President: Al Erickson
Secretary: Danny Dutka

Council Appointed Positions

Treasurer: Anna Jetson
Financial Secretary:
Virginia Karlsbroten

Senior Ushers

Steve Langland - **Chair**
Lyle Bjerke
Dennis Karlsbroten
Larry Lane

Cleaning People

Lyle & Joyce Bjerke

Organist / Pianist

Kathryn Thompson
Kjersten Folstad

Music Coordinator

Kathryn Thompson

Head Usher

James Grindeland

Head Assistant Usher

Roger Casterton

Property & Management

Al Erickson – **Chair** (VP)
Danny Dutka
Jack Kolka
Steve Langland
Karen Erickson (WELCA President)

Council Term Expires 2023

Joyce Bjerke
Danny Dutka

Board of Trustees

Al Erickson – **Chair** (VP)
Council Members

Long Range Planning Committee

Council Members
Treasurer
WELCA President
Circle Presidents

Cemetery Committee

Dennis Karlsbroten – 2nd yr
Lyle Bjerke – 3rd yr
Mark Sollien – 4th yr
Steve Langland – 5^h yr
Mark Selness – 1st yr

Auditing Committee

Gary Halverson
Ed Stoen
Karen Erickson

Nominating Committee

Mark Sollien – Council
Karen Erickson
Eric Selness
Louise Jetson

Shared Ministry Committee

Danny Dutka
Steve Langland
Louise Jetson

Joint Property Committee

Danny Dutka
Karen Erickson (WELCA President)

Council Term Expires 2024

Virginia Karlsbroten
Mark Sollien

Synod Assembly Delegates

June 12th Virtual
Interim Pastor
Steve Langland
Danny Dutka

Conference Assembly Delegates

T.B.D.

Aase Haugen Delegates

Interim Pastor
Steve Langland
Danny Dutka

EWALU Bible Camp Delegates

T.B.D.

Council Meeting Schedule

Meeting date / time is subject to change.
Meetings at 9:30 a.m. before 11 a.m.
service or after a 9:00 a.m service.

March 14th

April 11th

May 9th

June 13th

July 11th

August 8th

September 12th

October 10th

November 14th

December 12th

Janitorial Schedule for Highland Church – 2021

A list of duties is attached to the back of the altar. An additional duty to those assigned as janitor is to assist as an usher as needed. Should you not be able to serve on your assigned Sunday, please exchange with someone else on the list. Also: Please leave the ceiling fans in operation during the heating season. The thermostat is programmed and usually needs no attention, except on rare instances. To change temperature setting push on the up or down arrows as appropriate and press DONE to save, it will reset itself after the OVERRIDE time shown expires, that is also adjustable. Come to church about 20 minutes before service, thank you for your assistance.

March	3 rd	Lenten @BC	October	3 rd	Mark Sollien
	7 th	Larry Lane		10 th	Eric Selness
	10 th	Lenten @BC		17 th	Ed Stoen
	14 th	Dennis Karlsbrotten		24 th	Steve Langland
	17 th	Lenten @BC		31 st	Larry Lane
	21 st	Gary Halverson	November	7 th	Danny Dutka
	24 th	Lenten @BC		14 th	Dennis Karlsbrotten
	28 th	Mark Sollien		21 st	Lowell Walhus
April				28 th	Lyle Bjerke
Maundy Thursday	1 st	Ed Stoen	December	5 th	Eric Selness
Easter	4 th	Eric Selness		12 th	Mark Sollien
	11 th	Steve Langland		19 th	Dennis Karlsbrotten
	18 th	Danny Dutka		24 th	Gary Halverson
	25 th	Larry Lane		26 th	Lyle Bjerke
May	2 nd	Dennis Karlsbrotten	2022		
	9 th	Mark Sollien	January	2 nd	Eric Selness
	16 th	Lowell Walhus		9 th	Jack Kolka
	23 rd	Lyle Bjerke		16 th	Ed Stoen
	30 th	Jack Kolka		23 rd	Mark Sollien
June	6 th	Eric Wold		30 th	Steve Langland
	13 th	Al Erickson	February	6 th	Danny Dutka
	20 th	Gary Halverson		13 th	Gary Halverson
	27 th	Mark Sollien		20 th	Dennis Karlsbrotten
July	4 th	Steve Langland		27 th	Larry Lane
	11 th	Ed Stoen			
	18 th	Eric Selness	<u>Communion Assistants:</u>		
	25 th	Danny Dutka	March		
August	1 st	Steve Langland	April		
	8 th	Jack Kolka	May		
	15 th	Dennis Karlsbrotten	June		
	22 nd	Al Erickson	July		
	29 th	Steve Langland	August		
September	5 th	Dennis Karlsbrotten	September		
	12 th	Lowell Walhus	October		
	19 th	Lyle Bjerke	November		
	26 th	Gary Halverson	December		
			January		
			February		