

# Big Canoe & Highland Lutheran Churches

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## NEWSLETTER

MAY WORSHIP TIMES

Big Canoe 10 a.m.

## Thank you!

To both Highland and Big Canoe – Thank you to all who helped and contributed to the Lenten Supper, for the huge responses in collecting items for the LWR personal care kits, (a combined effort as of April 15 was 176 kits), and last but not least, the 30 quilts and other items we collected and delivered to Bremwood from Highland and Big Canoe. These were 22 bath towels, 6 hand towels, 51 wash cloths, and 3 pair wash gloves, 1 pair of socks, 1 flannel baby blanket, 80 assorted size combs, emery boards, 8 brushes, 2 picks, 12 dental floss, 20 shampoo & conditioner, 30 toothbrushes, 22 toothpaste, 22 deodorant, 8 lip gloss-chapstick, 1 pack floss sticks, 1 package of cotton swabs, and 50 travel size shampoo/conditioner. The people at Bremwood were very appreciative of it all. So a big THANK YOU to all!

## Newsletter items:

**Please remember if your items are not turned in, they cannot be included.  
If you have something to include in the newsletter, please email it to the church  
email address no later than the 20<sup>th</sup> of the month.**



## **Big Canoe Council Meeting, April 2, 2023**

The Big Canoe Lutheran Church council met for its regular monthly meeting on April 2, 2023, at the Highland Lutheran Church following regular church services. Those in attendance were Pat O'Regan, Treasurer Laurie Emery, Vern Whitaker, Pastor Gies, Brian Bigler, Kathryn Thompson, Shelly Bigler and Rita Thomas.

President Brian Bigler opened the meeting and Pastor Gies led us prayer.

The Secretary's report was read. Pat motioned, and Shelly seconded, that the report be accepted with one correction. Motion passed.

The Treasurer reported a balance of \$1,284.32.

The Lenten offering designation was discussed, but we do not have a definite amount yet, so it was decided that the designation would wait until next month's meeting.

Matt Amundson's bid has been accepted for mowing the cemetery. Discussion was held on how much the church should reimburse the cemetery for its share of the mowing. We spoke with Carey Nordheim about the costs last year, the mowing bid and the cemetery revenue stream. After much back and forth for clarification Rita motioned, Pat seconded, that the church would reimburse the cemetery committee 50% of the mowing costs for last year and this year. This will amount to about \$10,000. Motion passed.

The church lawn repair was discussed. Steve Emery is in charge of this. Work will begin when conditions are appropriate after Easter.

The tuckpointing was discussed. Pat mentioned that Tor Oxnavard, husband of Anna Amundson, of Minneapolis, MN, would be able to help with assessing what we need done and there will be input from members of the congregation. Funding will be available from the Elsie Osmonson Fund and other donations. Hopefully major fundraisers will not be necessary, but this job will be expensive.

During the meeting of the Financial Oversight Committee an error was found in the Annual Meeting minutes. The minutes state that the Dalaker Fund should be "placed in the church operating account" when it should have read "placed in the Improvement Fund" as was decided at the Annual Meeting. The error will be corrected at the next Annual Meeting.

Synod Assembly will be June 9&10, 2023 at Luther College. Rita Thomas and Heather Vilardo are our delegates. Registration is from May 1-15.

After the inspection of the Big Canoe Church, it was recommended that we install two CO2 monitors. One in the boiler room and one in the church basement proper. Pat has purchased two and they are installed. Thank you to Pat for this.

A motion of adjournment was made by Pat and seconded by Shelly. Motion passed. Our next meeting will be May 7 after church services. We closed with the Lord's Prayer.

Respectfully Submitted, Rita Thomas



## ~ Shared Ministry Newsletter ~ May 2023



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

\*To submit information for the monthly Shared Ministry newsletter, please email [linda.folstad49@gmail.com](mailto:linda.folstad49@gmail.com)

By: May 6th for the June 2023 Newsletter



All are invited to join us for Bible Study held at Highland Lutheran Church May 12th 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.

*(NOTE: If school is delayed or closed due to inclement weather Bible Study is cancelled).*

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](mailto: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.



Here's a Green Tip from the NE Iowa Synod Care for Creation Network. (For more Green Tips and other Care for Creation Resources, go to <https://neiasynod.org/download-category/care-for-creation/>).

**Plant milkweeds!** Monarch butterfly numbers have decreased greatly throughout their range, primarily because of the loss of milkweeds, the required food of Monarch larvae. We can all help reverse this trend by planting milkweeds. Unfortunately, many milkweed plantings fail. One technique that has worked is to gather milkweed seeds in the fall and place them in plastic bags in your refrigerator during the winter. In early spring plant the seeds in small containers. Make sure the soil is loosely packed, and cover the seeds with no more than 1/4 inch of soil. Once the seeds have sprouted and grown a few inches, transplant them in clumps in areas of bare soil. Young milkweeds do not do well in competition with other plants. (David Voigts, Zion (Jubilee), LaPorte City)

**MEMORIAL DAY MILITARY SERVICE**

Highland Lutheran Church  
Monday, May 29th at 7:30 am

Military rites in the cemetery with a lunch to follow in the church Dining Room.

All are welcome to attend!

**Upcoming Events**

May 6: 7:30—11:30 am LWR Ingathering at Olson Explosives  
June 9-10: Synod Assembly at Luther College  
June 17: 35th Annual NE IA WELCA Gathering at Trinity Lutheran in Belmond, IA

## Sunday Worship Services ~ May 2023

	May 7	May 14	May 21	May 28 PENTECOST
<b>Highland Big Canoe</b>	Joint worship 10:00 am at Big Canoe	Joint worship 10:00 am at Big Canoe	Joint worship 10:00 am at Big Canoe	Joint worship 10:00 am at Big Canoe
<b>Hesper</b>	10:00 am	10:00 am	10:00 am	10:00 am
<b>Burr Oak</b>	8:30 am Coffee Hour	8:30 am Coffee Hour	8:30 am Coffee Hour	8:30 am Coffee Hour
<b>Canoe Ridge</b>	8:30 am 9:30 am—Coffee Hour & Sunday School @ CR	10:30 am	8:30 am 9:30 am Graduate Reception & Coffee	New Member Welcome
<b>Glenwood</b>	10:30 am	8:30 am worship 9:30 am Coffee Hour & Last day of Sunday School	10:30 am	10:30 am
<b>St. John's Hauge</b>	Joint Worship 9:30 am at Hauge	Joint worship 9:30 am at St. John's	Joint worship 9:30 am at Hauge	Joint worship 9:30 am at St. John's

**SHARED MINISTRY MEETING HIGHLIGHTS**  
(Held at Hesper Lutheran Church, April 23, 2023)

⇒ **Review of Lenten Round Robin Lenten Services.**  
Great attendance of members from all churches for the meals, worship services and participation in the joint choir. Will continue next year and possibly include Holy Week joint services and an Easter Vigil. Planning committee will meet in October. Rep from each cong.

⇒ **Values exercise and discussion of ministries inside and outside church walls.**  
Values identified: *Feeding the hungry, Caring for one another/missions beyond ourselves, learning the value of the larger church, fellowship together.*

**SHARED MINISTRY EVENT & PROJECTS**

- **Marshmallow Fellowship:** Campfire worship service at Hesper Lutheran—June 7, 2023
- **Lunch to Farmers—** Deliver sack lunches
- **Explore Possibilities for:** “God’s Work, Our Hands” joint project, Cross-Gen Mission Trips, attend EWALU common times

**\*Next Meeting July 23, 2023 at 1 pm at Highland\***

**Websites:**  
[www.WomenoftheELCA.org](http://www.WomenoftheELCA.org)  
[www.NEIASynod.org](http://www.NEIASynod.org)  
[www.bchlutheran.org](http://www.bchlutheran.org) Big Canoe/Highland Lutheran  
[www.glenwoodlutheran.org](http://www.glenwoodlutheran.org) Glenwood/Canoe Ridge  
[www.bohlutheran.org](http://www.bohlutheran.org) Burr Oak/Hesper Lutheran  
[www.haugelutheran.com](http://www.haugelutheran.com) Hauge/St. John's Lutheran

# May 2023

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
	1	2	3	4	5	6
7 Big Canoe 10:00 a.m. Communion Big Canoe council after service	8	9	10	11	12	13
14 Big Canoe 10:00 a.m.	15	16	17	18	19 Newsletter items due	20
21 Big Canoe 10:00 a.m. Highland council after service	22	23	24	25	26	27
28 Big Canoe 10:00 a.m.	28	30	31	June 1	June 2	June 3
June 4 Highland 10:00 a.m.						

Big Canoe & Highland website:  
www.bchlutheran.org