

# **Big Canoe & Highland Lutheran Churches**

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## **N E W S L E T T E R**

**SEPTEMBER WORSHIP TIMES - Big Canoe 10:00 a.m.**

### **A Great Big Thank You**

to all who worked, brought food, gave donations,  
or donated baked goods or crafts for our Labor Day Event at Highland Lutheran Church.  
We appreciate all that attended and we enjoy your fellowship!  
Thank you from the Highland Women of the ELCA.

#### **Meatball Dinner**

**Drive-thru only October 1  
10 am to 1 pm**

**First Lutheran, Cresco**

Meatballs, mashed  
potatoes/gravy, green beans,  
dinner roll, apple pie. \$12  
adults, 5 & under free,  
no advance ticket sales

**Highland will be  
collecting food  
for the Mabel Food Pantry  
during the month of  
October.**

**If you are not a shopper,  
there will be a donation  
container available.**

#### **Shared Ministry Meeting**

**Big Canoe**

**October 8**

**1:30 pm**

Planning next projects

World Day of Prayer

Bagged Meals for Farmers during Fall Harvest 2024

Options for God's Work

Our Hands Projects, etc.



*Happy Birthday to Pastor Gies  
on October 2nd*



**Thank you** to everyone that made the Young Family Service a success – Kjersten & Brooklyn for keeping this vision alive, Ashley & Mark for being the readers, Kathryn for the music, Greg for singing and giving us the message for the day, Luther League kids that helped serve, Anna for presenting bibles. Thank you to Sandy and Vern for the picnic tables, Shelley for the Noah's ark bulletin boards, Bill for the grills, audio & video, Denise for being so patient with the changes in the bulletin, to Thrivent for the action card and the anonymous donor for the expenses of the bouncy house, food, and stuffed animals, and to the "Behind the scenes people" you know who you are. We really appreciate everything! The extra stuffed animals are going to a local 4-H club to use during Christmas for gifts to those in need. The donations raised were \$217 which is going to the church for expenses as needed.

**THANK YOU TO THE ALL THE YOUNG FAMILIES THAT ATTENDED.....**there have been so many nice comments about seeing the young people in church! PLEASE CONTINUE TO COME TO CHURCH!!! Keep the comments coming. If there is anything you would like to see different, let us know.

**Update on the Call Committee:**

Rev. Stephen Brackett, assistant to the bishop, has done some filming of Big Canoe and Highland. He has so graciously volunteered to put a short video together for perspective pastors to view. Keep him in your prayers as he helps us in this process.

- **Big Canoe WELCA** is collecting for the personal care kits now through October. We have some things but need more of the following:
  - Lightweight bath size towels
    - (20x40 and up to 52x27)
  - 3 bath size bars of soap in original packaging (equal to 8 to 9 oz. – 3 or 4 oz. bars) per kit.
  - Please place items in the container in the entry of the church.

**Big Canoe WELCA** – a reminder that Bazaar funds (which was raised to \$20 at our meeting) are due in October and Thankofferings in November. It was also decided to continue the \$35 household donation instead of the supper. Please remember that these funds are used to help others. We gave \$2,750 to the Big Canoe Church Benevolence last year to be given to local and area organizations so the church gets credit for it. We give our money away in November so it would be very helpful if funds are given to the circle treasurers by November 5<sup>th</sup> – they are Shirley Bigler, Laurie Emery, and Deb Monson. We truly appreciate all we receive and thank you for your generosity.

**Canoe Ridge Lutheran Church  
Drive Thru Harvest Supper  
Wednesday, October 11, 2023**

Serving Mike Reicks' chicken, mashed potatoes, dressing, corn, cranberry salad, dinner roll, cookies/bar

Pick up time begins at 4:30 p.m.

Tickets \$15

Advanced purchase appreciated

Tickets available at Ladybug Landscapes, Decorah Rental, and Oneota Food Coop

## **Big Canoe Council Meeting, Sunday, September 3, 2023**

All council members were present except Rita Thomas. Pastor Gies opened with prayer.

Laurie Emery Provided an updated financial report noting we are behind on Benevolence and still owe the Cemetery \$3,238.89 for last year's mowing. The Parsonage Fund has a balance of \$7549.58

### **Continued Business:**

Shelley Bigler is coordinating with Glenwood, Burr Oak and Big Canoe to combine for confirmation Classes.

Bill Stoen is submitting a request to The Depot for a \$5,000 grant to work on the Tuck Point Project. Bill will present the proposal on September 12<sup>th</sup>.

### **New Business:**

The Assistant Bishop assisted the Big Canoe Call Video. He was very pleased with the progress and end product.

Helen Arneson bequested the Big Canoe church a very nice amount of \$80,000. These funds are to be spent as the needs of the church arise.

The Council decided to place \$50,000 in a certificate of deposit for pending new pastoral expenses. \$20,000 would go to a money market account for upcoming expenses (cemetery and other projects) and the balance for current expenses. The Council selected Pat O'Regan to look into best case scenarios for earnings on these accounts. Vern Whitaker made the motion, Shelley Bigler seconded, and the motion passed. Pat will pursue these options this month.

A concern about the maintenance of the pipe organ included asking Katherine to look into an agreement with a vendor.

There was discussion of a fall or early winter fund raising event, such as a chicken drive through dinner. The congregation is welcome to make suggestions.

A youth and family service on September 17<sup>th</sup> is greatly anticipated.

Next council meeting is Sunday, October 1<sup>st</sup> after services at Highland.

Pat O'Regan motioned to adjourn. Katherine seconded; the motion passed.

Pastor Gies ended with closing prayer.

Respectfully Submitted, Pat O'Regan

# ~ Shared Ministry Newsletter ~ October 2023



**UPCOMING SHARED MINISTRY MEETING:**  
**SUNDAY, OCTOBER 8TH**  
 1:30 pm – Shared Ministry Meeting at Big Canoe. All are welcome to attend!  
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 \*To submit information for the monthly Shared Ministry newsletter, please email Linda Folstad at [linda.folstad49@gmail.com](mailto:linda.folstad49@gmail.com)  
 By October 15th for the November 2023 Newsletter

**Canoe Ridge Lutheran Church**  
 (1316 Canoe Ridge Road ~ Decorah, IA)

**HARVEST SUPPER**  
 Wednesday, October 11, 2023  
 Drive-thru only. Serving 4:30–7 pm

**MENU:** *Mike Reich's Fried Chicken*  
*Masked Potatoes & Gravy, Homemade Dressing*  
*Corn, Cranberry Salad, Leise, Dinner Roll, Bar/Cookie*

Tickets: \$15 ~ Available at Ladybug Landscapes, Decorah Rental and Oneata Food Coop

Or contact Roger or Janine Nelson: 382-8294  
 Marian Rovang Rude: 382-3091 — Kathy Ellingson: 379-9465 (call or text)  
 Bette Ford: 379-3219 — Nan Larson: 381-5446  
 Lyle Hanson: 382-9417 — Sue Reicks: 319-240-6101 (call or text)

**HAUGE LUTHERAN CHURCH BAZAAR**  
 Wednesday, October 18th  
 7:00 pm  
 Hope you can join us!

**All are invited to join us for Bible Study held at Highland Lutheran Church October 13th at 9:30 am!**  
 The Bible Study Group consists of women from area churches who meet on the second Friday of each month. Discussion centers around Bible studies in the **GATHER** Magazine, an ELCA publication. **Bring a friend!**

**Shared Ministry Lenten Worship Meeting Highlights**  
 September 17, 2023

- Lenten worship services will be held on a Round Robin schedule in alternate locations similar to last year.
- Ash Wednesday and Holy Week services will be held in each congregation's home church. Ash Wednesday is February 14th. A meal will be served at the host church beginning at 6 pm each Wednesday during Lent.
- Choir will practice at 6:30 pm. Worship at 7:00 pm
- Helden Evening Prayer will be used for Lenten worship services
- Offerings undesignated will be split between Decorah & Mabel Food Pantries

Sunday Worship Services ~ October 2023					
	October 1	October 8	October 15	October 22	October 29
<b>Highland Big Canoe</b> Pr. Waldemar Blas, Interim	Joint worship 10:00 am at Highland	Joint worship 10:00 am at Highland	Joint worship 10:00 am at Highland	Joint worship 10:00 am at Highland	Joint worship 10:00 am at Highland
<b>Burr Oak Hesper</b> Pr. David Werges Deacon: Lisa Kammerer	10:00 am 8:30 am Followed by Coffee Hour	10:00 am. 8:30 am Followed by Coffee Hour	10:00 am 8:30 am Followed by Coffee Hour	10:00 am. 8:30 am Followed by Coffee Hour	10:00 am. 8:30 am <b>Affirmation of Baptism</b> <b>Reformation</b> Coffee Hour
<b>Canoe Ridge</b>	8:30 am Holy Communion	10:30 am Holy Communion	8:30 am <b>Pr. Matt Rossler Installation</b> <b>Bishop Steve Brackett Presiding</b> Coffee after worship <b>50th Confirmation Reunion</b>	10:30 am	8:30 am
<b>Glenwood</b> Pr. Matthew Rossler	10:30 am	8:30 am	10:30 am Meal following worship	8:30 am	10:30 am
<b>St. John's Hauge</b> Pr. Randy Kittleson	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	Joint worship 9:30 am at Hauge	Joint Worship 9:30 am at St. John's

**Upcoming Events**  
 Oct. 8: Shared Ministry Meeting  
 Nov. 4: LWR In-gathering at Olson Explosives in Decorah—7:30—10:30 am  
 Nov. 5: Daylight Savings Time ends

**Websites:**  
[www.WomenoftheELCA.org](http://www.WomenoftheELCA.org)  
[www.NE/Asynod.org](http://www.NE/Asynod.org)  
[www.bcblutheran.org](http://www.bcblutheran.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.haugeelutheran.com](http://www.haugeelutheran.com) Hauge/St. John's Lutheran

**"I have had many things in my hands, and I have lost them all; but whatever I placed in God's hands, that I still possess." Martin Luther**