

Big Canoe & Highland Lutheran Churches

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NEWSLETTER

October 2022

October WORSHIP TIMES
Joint Services at Highland 10:00 a.m.

Highland & Big Canoe NEWS:

Rebecca-Tabitha Circle will meet on Wed. October 5 at 6:00, we will be serving a meal to the confirmation class, parents and Pastor, meeting to follow.

Hannah Circle meeting, October 6th, 1:30 p.m. at Shirley Bigler's home.

Luther League - October 15th we will have a hay wagon ride starting at 3:30 at Big Canoe and a campfire with hotdogs. October 19th at 6:00 p.m. there will be a Luther League meeting with food and painting pumpkins.

Donations per Household requested: In replacement of the Lutefisk supper, it is asked that each household donate \$35 to help defray costs of WELCA activities. Donations can be made to Big Canoe and mailed to Attn: Emma at 1381 Big Canoe Road, Decorah, IA 52101.

Offering: With the recent joint services, please specify if you would like your donations to go either Big Canoe or Highland. We will have envelopes at the back of each church for cash donations. As of now, donations are being split in half for each church.



REFORMATION DAY

~ Shared Ministry Newsletter ~ October 2022



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: October 6th for the November Newsletter**



You are invited to join us for monthly Bible Study held at Highland Lutheran Church on Friday, October 14th at 9:30 am.

Discussions center around Bible Studies from **GATHER** Magazine, an ELCA publication. This is an informal Bible Study group where God's Word is explored through scripture readings and conversation in fellowship with folks from area congregations. For more information please contact Louise Jetson at 507-498-3216. Come and join us! All are welcome!



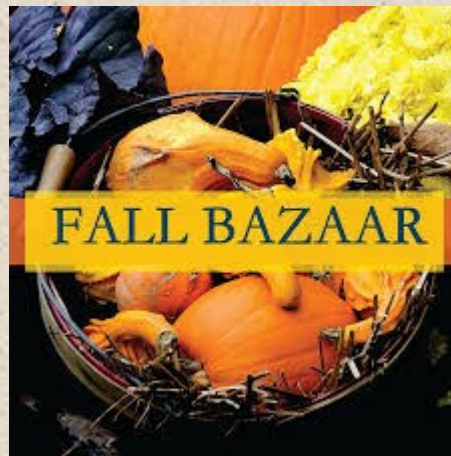
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Luther & community members of all ages are welcome!

Admission is free but you are encouraged to bring a non-perishable food item for Luther's Little Free Food Pantry Program



Hauge Lutheran Church Fall Bazaar

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All are welcome!

Worship Services in October

	October 2	October 9	October 16	October 23	October 30
					
Joint Services, 10:00 a.m. at Highland					
Hesper	8:30 am	8:30 am	8:30 am	8:30 am	8:30 am
Burr Oak	10:00 am	10:00 am	10:00 am <i>Fall Family Festival</i>	10:00 am	8:30 am <i>All Saint's Day</i> 10:00 am Confirmation
Canoe Ridge Glenwood	8:30 am 10:30 am	10:30 am 8:30 am	8:30 am 10:30 am	10:30 am 8:30 am	
Hauge St. John's	9:30 am	9:30 am	9:30 am	9:30 am	9:30 am



Simple Living Farmers Market Info

MABEL

1/4 mile east of Mabel on Hwy 44
Saturdays: 8:30 -11:30 am

SPRING GROVE

Viking Memorial Park
Wednesdays:
4—7 pm Market
5 -7 pm Music in the Park

DECORAH FARMER'S MARKET

Parking lot behind Oneota Coop
Wednesdays 3—6 pm
Saturdays 8—11 am

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Canoe Ridge Lutheran Church

FALL HARVEST SUPPER
Wednesday, October 12

Cresco First Lutheran Church
MEATBALL SUPPER
Sunday, October 2, 2022
11 am—2 pm.
DRIVE THROUGH ONLY

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St. Bridget's Oratory/Bluffton
Hot Beef "Sundae" meal—\$12
Sunday, October 2: 10 am—1:30 pm
Raffle tickets: \$ 1.00

Future Dates:

CLUSTER D FALL GATHERING IN BURR OAK—October 1
MIDDLE SCHOOL LOCK-IN at UNI in Cedar Falls, October 21 & 22
LWR INGATHERING: Olson Explosives in Decorah—November 5th

Websites:

www.ELCA.org
www.WomenoftheELCA.org
www.NEIASynod.org
www.bohlutheran.org Burr Oak and Hesper Lutheran
www.bchlutheran.org Big Canoe and Highland Lutheran
www.glenwoodlutheran.org Glenwood Lutheran Church



October 2022

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday	
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Highland 10:00 a.m. Communion	2	3	4	5 Rebecca-Tabitha Circle 6:00 p.m.	6 Hannah Cirice 1:30 p.m. Shirley Bigler's home	7	8
Highland 10:00 a.m. Communion	9	10	11 Big Canoe Council meeting, 6:30 p.m.	12	13	14 Gather Bible Study Highland, 9:30	15
Highland 10:00 a.m.	16	17 Newsletter items due	18	19	20	21	22
Highland 10:00 a.m.	23	24	25	26	27	28	29
Highland 10:00 a.m. November services: Big Canoe 10:00 a.m.	30	31					

Big Canoe & Highland website:
www.bchlutheran.org

Big Canoe Council Meeting August 9, 2022

The Big Canoe council met for its regular monthly meeting on August 9, 2022 at 6:30 p.m. in the church basement. Members in attendance were Liz Schafer, Pat O'Regan, Bill Stoen, Rachel Hoffland, and Rita Thomas.

Pat O'Regan called the meeting to order and led us in prayer.

Minutes of the previous meeting were read and approved.

The Treasurer showed a balance of \$9,350.00 with all bills paid. There is \$5,041.24 in the Parsonage account.

We are waiting on the final dispersal check from the insurance company on the roof. Pat will follow up with them this week. The tuckpointing project is waiting for an inspection of the inside damage.

The Call Packet was completed and sent in June. Tammy Nordheim has received notice from the Synod that is has been received.

A pre-confirmation meeting has been held with three students in attendance. There was discussion on perhaps coordinating between Glenwood and Big Canoe. Our Sunday School this year will be different. With only one student a packet will be sent out monthly to be worked on at home.

Pastor Gies would like to have someone work with him to assemble a list of shut-ins. He needs names, location, good times to visit and he would like the names of people who would be interested in instruction for administration of Communion when he cannot be there to do so.

Sunday services will continue at Highland (10:00 a.m.) through August. Services will be at Big Canoe in September at 10:00 a.m. with coffee or a potluck to follow. Communion at Big Canoe will be the first and second Sundays.

The financial committee set up to coordinate our different funds has not yet met due to everyone being busy. Should begin meeting this winter.

There has been no update on Bob Maroushek. The Cemetery mowing is covered for the balance of the year. The renters will be taking care of the Parsonage yard. Anyone willing to help out with the church cleaning should get hold of a council member. Discussion was held on possibly adopting the volunteer method that Highland uses.

Pastor will be presiding at the wedding of Sam Johnson and Jessica Spiecher. There will also be two baptisms in September.

Kathryn would like a subscription for "The Weekly Ministry" again. Rita motioned and Liz seconded the we again subscribe to "The Weekly Ministry". Motion passed.

Discussion was held on holding a fall event. The Lutefisk Supper has again been cancelled. Several possibilities were discussed: Chicken dinner drive through or a small lutefisk meal just for church members. Nothing was decided. If you have suggestions, please contact a council member.

A cabinet has been found, to be donated by the Crandel family, for the new Buriel Pall. Rita motioned and Bill seconded that we accept their generous donation.

Furnace maintenance was discussed and tabled until it can be determined when the last time it was done and when the last inspection was completed.

Rita motioned and Liz seconded that we adjourn with the Lord's Prayer led by Liz.

Respectfully submitted, Rita Thomas

Big Canoe Council Meeting September 20, 2022

The Big Canoe council met for its regular monthly meeting on August 9, 2022 at 6:30 p.m. in the church basement. Members in attendance were Shelly Bigler, Liz Schafer, Pat O'Regan, Bill Stoen, Rachel Hoffland, and Rita Thomas.

Opening Prayer/Reading by Pat O'Regan, PSALM 134.

Minutes from previous meeting were reviewed and approved. Bill Stoen made a motion & Rachel seconded.

Financial Report was reviewed and approved. There is \$5142.06 in the Church Account, all bills are paid.

Parsonage Account has a balance of \$4632.88 with approximately \$2400 pending deposit. Shelley Bigler motioned to approve, Bill Stoen seconded, motion passed.

Unfinished Business:

Roof Replacement is progressing. Steeple work is to be completed week of 26 September. A 135 foot lift is being secured to complete the work.

Gutter repairs are pending completion of roof project. We will use local contractors to complete that work.

Due to some unforeseen expenses, the final bills will likely exceed the insurance proceeds received. Pat is working with contractors and insurance to determine the final amounts. More to follow over next 30 Days.

It may be necessary to look into existing accounts to use for some of the repairs.

Bill Stoen has accepted the task of applying to the Depot for a grant to pay for stone and brick work repairs.

Liz Shaefer presented updates on the Financial Committee Meeting. She reported that she is working with Connie Amundson and others to identify exactly how each of our various funds are positioned for use. The committee wants to ensure we can allocate funds according to the original donors intent, and whether we can combine accounts into a General Account. All of these findings will be complete and presented at the annual meeting for the congregation to review. A Finance Oversight Committee will be formed at that time.

Matt Amundson is currently taking care of the Cemetery Lawn Care. This will continue through the end of the season. Bids will be accepted for subsequent care for 2023.

The parsonage grounds have been cared for by Rachel and Joe, our Renters.

The Church and surrounding grounds are being cared for by several volunteers. Our intent is to get a contract for church mowing/maintenance in addition to cemetery mowing and maintenance. Bids will be accepted.

Pat will be working with Bob to identify recurring maintenance requirements such as heat, elevator, Organ and other maintenance. We are also contacting the local pest service to do the required rodent and bug mitigation.

The council is also identifying recurring maintenance that volunteers have been doing in Bob's absence. We recognize the importance of these people and are looking for ways to pick up and carry on without causing an undue burden on them.

Sunday School Plans are in place. Liz, Shelley and Tammy have been working diligently at all levels to coordinate and make it happen. The only thing we can't control is parental involvement of getting the kids to the various Sunday School Sessions. Please encourage and assist parents to get children to attend Church, Sunday School and Luther League Events! A great deal of effort goes into these programs.

Church Schedule as Follows;

October at Highland at 10 AM, all month

November at Big Canoe 10 AM, all month

December 1st split Services, 9:00 and 11:00. The Bishop is coming. Coffee after each service.

Christmas Eve at Highland, 3:30 or 4:30, time TBD.

Christmas Day, Big Canoe, 10 AM ?, time TBD

Schedules for the remaining Sundays in December have not been finalized at this time.

Respectfully Submitted, Pat O'Regan, BC Council President