

# Big Canoe & Highland Lutheran Churches

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## NEWSLETTER

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

**Big Canoe** has been busy with volunteers and making our church and grounds look wonderful. Here are a few of the many **thank you's**.

Cemetery: Matt for painting and fixing the fence, Steve for patching up holes, Laurie and kids for cleaning tombstones and the concrete crew of Steve, Earl, Jack, James, Alex, Bailey, Nathan, Matt, Bob, Carey, and Tammy.

The Church grounds: A BIG thank you to Bob for all the extra's he puts into the church and the grounds. Thank you to the crew that helped weed, spread new mulch, paint in the playground and trim the front bushes: Matt and family, Emma, Steve, Laurie, Carey, Tammy, Rita & Bob.

Thank you to Bob T. & Tammy for helping Bob Maroushek with the utility shed doors, to Dee & Ben Wyatt, Emma, and Sue for taking another trailer load of furniture to Central Furniture Rescue in Cedar Rapids, to Bill Stoen for videotaping services and keeping the Facebook page up to date, to the quilters for all the beautiful quilts you have made and donated to all the special places: CFR, Gundersen Tweeten Care Center, Highland church, etc., to Dawn, Nic, Rhonda, Shirley and all the extra unknown people that help Bob inside the church.

Gods work our hands!!!! Thank you so much.

The **Highland WELCA** would like to thank all that helped in any way and/or attended our Ice Cream Social. We tried a couple of different things this year and it seemed to work well. We couldn't do it without you!

Highland is offering gravestone cleaning. There is a special solution that will not damage the stones. MANY seemingly mild or common household cleaners can be very damaging. This also helps to prevent mold and 'stuff' from growing on new stones as well. Please contact a council member or cemetery committee member and we will get you on the list. We will NOT be doing any stones at this time unless there is a request.

Lenten Round Robin planning meeting will be September 17 at 1:30 pm at Burr Oak Lutheran Church.

### **Big Canoe WELCA Bake/Garage Sale at Big Canoe**

Saturday, September 30<sup>th</sup> from 9:00 a.m. to Noon.

Items for the garage sale drop off at church by Friday am & baked goods by 8:00 a.m. on Saturday morning.

Items that could be advertised, please call Emma at 563-419-4222.

### **Highland Labor Day Event**

September 4, 11:00 to 1:00.

Scalloped potatoes & ham,  
assorted salads,  
bars/desserts.

A craft fair too!

### **Shared Ministry Meeting at Big Canoe Lutheran Church**

**October 8 at 1:30 p.m.**

Ideas or want to work with our neighboring churches?

Discussion on training for Caring Callers, those willing to go in pairs to visit the elderly & sick, World Day of Prayer service in March.

The group is willing to focus on what you feel is important.

## **Big Canoe Lutheran Church Council Meeting Minutes - August 6, 2023**

The Big Canoe church council met for its regular monthly meeting following services at Highland Lutheran Church. Members in attendance were: Vern Whitaker, Pat O'Regan, Steve Emery, Brian Bigler, Rita Thomas, Treasurer Laurie Emery and Pastor Gies.

Since Pastor was unavailable at the beginning of the meeting opening devotions were omitted.

Secretary's minutes were approved as read.

Treasurer showed a balance of \$1,366.53 on hand. Report placed on file.

### **OLD BUSINESS**

Pat reported that he is checking with Farmer's Union Co-Op about contracting LP for the winter. The contract writer is on vacation, but will write the contract upon return to work.

Laurie mentioned that since "Focus on the Family" is no longer inserted in the bulletin most end up in the recycling bin. After discussion of options, Steve motioned, and Vern seconded, that we dispense with the insert. Motion passed.

Discussion was held on the janitor's job. Bob does the mowing of the church and janitor's yards, opens the church, and monitors the humidifiers. (He had to replace one of them last week.) Pat motioned, seconded by Steve, that instead of a regular salaried contract Bob be allowed to remain in the house without rent and continue his duties. The church will compensate him in November with a bonus. The motion passed.

### **NEW BUSINESS**

On August 30, 2023, the Call Committee will be doing a video about the church. This video will be submitted to the Synod for consideration.

There was discussion about doing a joint Highland-Big Canoe float for Steam Engine days. No resolution was reached.

Our outside service on September 17, 2023, will be led by the youth of the Congregation.

Anna Jetson is proposing that BC-HI try an intergenerational Sunday School. After discussion the council decided that this would be a great idea and that we should get behind it. This will be discussed between the churches and we will figure out a way to proceed.

Tor Oksnevad and Bill Stoen did an inspection of the church tuckpointing. They used the theory of "needs vs. wants". Bill will begin applying for grants and we needed the reference for getting bids for the job.

The date and times of council meetings was discussed. Pastor Gies would like us to coordinate with Highland and see if we could hold both council meetings on the same day with the possibility of a few more joint meetings. This will be discussed between both councils.

Confirmation classes were discussed. There is some question about how the classes will be handled now that Pastor Adam is gone. We need to get into contact with Shelly Bigler to check about arrangements with the other churches.

Communion for shut-in training and training for service presentation will begin in September. Let council members know if you would like to participate.

Pat motioned, Rita seconded, that we adjourn. We closed with the Lord's Prayer.

Respectfully Submitted, Rita Thomas, Secretary

## Highland Lutheran Church Council Meeting Minutes - August 6, 2023

**Call to Order** - President, Steve Langland called the meeting to order at 9:05 a.m.

In attendance were President Steve Langland, Karen Erickson, Virginia Karlsbrotten, Darlene Larson, Mark Sollien, Al Erickson and Anna Jetson. Guest Tammy Nordheim.

Anna Jetson led us in a short devotion and opening prayer.

Steve indicated he had four topics he wanted to discuss today:

1. The Krohus family left money to repaint the outside cellar doors. Steve talked to the Ladstens about an estimate. Dan is researching the cost of interior steel doors for the basement. They may need to be custom made.
2. Dorothy Karlsbrotten would like to have the padding and covering on the communion rail redone. Steven indicated that perhaps the chairs should also be redone so that they match the rail. Money could be taken from the improvement fund if needed. Steve will obtain an estimate from Timmerman's out of Decorah and let Dorothy know the cost of the rail and chairs.
3. Steve asked if we should consider repainting the lectern, perhaps repair, redo the varnish and repaint. Steve will get costs and report back.
4. Virginia reached out to Pastor Dave to have him review our church profile. He made a few suggestions. He questioned the benefits listed and whether or not they should include Sabbatical. We will need to review the guidelines. Steve informed us that we are part of a pilot project for the Synod. The Pastor Bracket will be taking drone pictures of Big Canoe and Highland churches. He will be here on August 30<sup>th</sup> for congregation questions and comments about our church.

Other Matters:

1. Virginia reported that a few of us attended the stone cleaning demo last Sunday at Big Canoe. Very interesting. You are not to use any chemicals on the stones as that will damage them. D2 is what the professional used. She put the question to us if we should buy the product and have a workday to clean our stones. We could get grant monies or Thrivent monies too. We could also hire the professionals to clean them for us. We will put something in the newsletter as we do not want to upset anyone if they for some reason do not want their family stone cleaned.
2. Steven indicated that we should bet Sparkle wash here again next spring to clean the exterior of the church.
3. We discussed landscaping updates.
4. Anna informed us that she has written a proposal for an intergeneration Sunday School and wants council approval to proceed. Tammy Nordine indicated that Big Canoe is holding a Young Family Revival on September 17<sup>th</sup>. The Youth will be doing everything for the service. All are welcome.
5. Anna suggested that we think about switching Feb and July in the schedule for services, so we'd have air in the summer with services being in Highland June, July and August and paved roads in the winter.
6. Communion servers for August: 8-6 Virginia and Steve; 8-13 Mark and Darlene.
7. Anna handed out the most recent financial reports. Motion by Mark and seconded by Darlene to approve. Motion carried.
8. Brenda Gullickson, Steve and Karen will review the old children's books we have and see what we can donate and should keep. Karen will lead.
9. Baptism/Death Updates: One death Steven Selness – May 27<sup>th</sup>. No baptisms and no transfers.

There being no further business motion by Virginia and second by Darlene to adjourn. Motion carried.

Meeting adjourned at 9:46 AM. We closed with the Lord's Prayer.

Respectfully submitted, Darlene Larson-Sollien, Secretary

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# Youth and Young Family Revival Service Big Canoe & Highland Lutheran Churches

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**September 17th, 2023 at 10:00am**

**Big Canoe Lutheran Church (Highlandville, IA)**

Join us for our FIRST ever Youth and Young Family Revival Service! Any non-members are welcome to attend and even bring a friend!



## What to expect?

A FUN Noah's Ark themed service, with a children's gathering included. Every child will receive a Noah's Ark stuffed animal to stuff and place their own written word of God within it.

Stick around for...

- A grill out! Hotdogs, chips, and pop/water provided
- Non competitive bean bags
- Play-time on the playground
- Face painting
- And great company!

Contact Kjersten Folstad (507)-429-1509 or Brookelyn Borreson (507)-458-1229 for any questions about the day! We would love to see you there!

“For we walk by faith, not by sight.”  
 2 Corinthians 5:7

~ Shared Ministry Newsletter ~  
**September 2023**



**UPCOMING SHARED MINISTRY MEETINGS:**

**SUNDAY, SEPTEMBER 17TH:**  
 1:30 pm: Lenten Round Robin Planning Meeting in Burr Oak

**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 Falstad at [linda.falstad@lutheran.org](mailto:linda.falstad@lutheran.org)  
 By September 6th for the October 2023 Newsletter



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 All are invited to join us for Bible Study held at Highland Lutheran Church

**September 15th 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!**

**Highland Lutheran Church**  
 (3824 Highlandville Road ~ Decorah, IA)

**LABOR DAY LUNCHEON & SILENT AUCTION**  
 September 4, 2023

**Meal 11:00 am—1:00 pm**

**MENU:**

**Scalloped Potatoes & Ham**

**Rommgrot ~ Assorted Salads ~ Desserts**

**Adults: \$12 Children 5-12: \$7 Under 12: FREE**

**Carry outs available ~ Everyone welcome!**

**Come and join us for:**

**Hops & Hymns at Barney's in Burr Oak**  
 Sunday, September 17, 2023 ~ 3:00—5:00 pm



**Enjoy an afternoon of Fellowship, Favorite Beverages & Music!**



**Sunday Worship Services ~ September 2023**

	<b>September 3</b>	<b>September 10</b>	<b>September 17</b>	<b>September 24</b>
<b>Highland Big Canoe</b> Pr. Waldemar Bies, Int.	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	Steam Engine Days Ecumenical Worship in Mabel. At 9:00. No worship services in Burr Oak or Hesper	10:00 am	10:00 am.
<b>Burr Oak</b> Pr. David Werges Deacon:	8:30 am Followed by Coffee Hour	8:30 am Followed by Coffee Hour	8:30 am Followed by Coffee Hour	8:30 am Followed by Coffee Hour
<b>Glenwood Canoe Ridge</b>	9:30 am—Joint Worship/Glenwood. Pr. Matthew Rossler	8:30 am—Joint worship/Canoe Ridge. Pr. Matthew Rossler	9:30 am—Joint Worship/Glenwood Kristin Kopperud-Stinn	8:30 am—Joint worship at Canoe Ridge. Kristin Kopperud-Stinn
<b>Welcome</b> Pr. Matthew Rossler!				
<b>St. John's Hauge</b> Pr. Randy Kittleson	9:30 am—Joint Worship/Glenwood. Pr. Matthew Rossler	9:30 am—Joint worship 9:30 am at St. John's	9:30 am—Joint worship 9:30 am at St. John's	Joint worship 9:30 am at Hauge

**Shared Ministry Meeting Highlights—July 23, 2023—Highland Lutheran Church**

- Set dates for Round Robin Lenten Services planning and next Shared Ministry meeting
- Campfire worship services going well. Hops & Hymns next Shared Ministry fellowship event
- Discussion on Plans for Growth—training Lay persons to assist pastors in ministry or be able to lead in some areas in the pastor's absence. Areas for growth were identified and four prioritized:
  - 1) Sunday Services; 2) Occasional Services; 3) Education; and 4) Connecting with participants.
- Materials are accessible and pastors available for training lay persons on the above.
- Discussion on possible future Shared Ministry Projects

**Upcoming Events**

- Sept. 10: God's Work, Our Hands—ELCA: Day of Service
- Sept. 17: Round Robin Lenten worship Services Planning
- Sept. 19-21: WELCA Triennial Convention/Phoenix
- Sept. 21-24: WELCA Triennial Gathering/Phoenix
- Oct. 8: Shared Ministry Meeting
- Nov. 4: LWR Ingathering at Olson, Explosives in Decorah—7:30—10:30 am

**Websites:**

- [www.WomenoftheELCA.org](http://www.WomenoftheELCA.org)
- [www.NEASynod.org](http://www.NEASynod.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

# September 2023

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
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3 Big Canoe 10:00 a.m. Communion	4 Highland Labor Day Event 11:00 to 1:00	5	6	7 Hannah Circle 1:30 p.m. Big Canoe	8	9
10 Big Canoe 10:00 a.m. Communion	11	12 Bingo at Tweten Lutheran Health Care, Spring Grove 1:00 p.m.	13 Big Canoe WELCA Quilters meet at 8:30 Light lunch at noon Meeting at 12:30	14	15 Gather Bible Study 9:30 a.m. Highland	16
17 Youth & Young Family Revival Service Big Canoe 10:00 a.m.	18	19	20	21	22	23
24 Big Canoe 10:00 a.m.	25	26	27	28	29	30 Big Canoe WELCA Garage/Bake Sale 9:00 - Noon
October 1 Highland 10:00 a.m. Communion	<div style="border: 1px solid black; padding: 5px; display: inline-block;">                     Big Canoe &amp; Highland website:  <a href="http://www.bchlutheran.org">www.bchlutheran.org</a> </div>					