

"If you want your children to listen,
try talking softly to someone else."

—Ann Landers

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Eagerly seek the greater gifts. And now, I am going to show you a more excellent way. (1 Corinthians 12:31EHV)

LOVE: THE GREATEST GIFT

We use the word for ice cream and pets and spouse and sports teams. We use it for weather and movies and friends and places. In some ways, it's a topic too big to tackle, yet here we go. Paul had many issues to address among the Corinthian Christians, but before he could get into how we seek the greater gifts, he first went to the heart of it by going to love itself.

In the closing verses of the previous chapter, Paul presented love as "a more excellent way" to dig into the topic of spiritual gifts. Love motivates the use of those spiritual gifts, but that leads directly to the heart of the problem: Is my heart really loving? When I take some time for self-reflection and an honest look inside myself, I don't always see love. Or rather, I see a kind of love that is too often misdirected. My love is focused on myself. All my favorite franchises, flavors, and friendships depend on how they benefit me or align with what I like. So even if I were to act in that love, it is self-serving at its root.

That is why, when Paul encouraged us to seek, he also said, "I am going to show you." See, we're not going to come to these conclusions on our own. Love isn't a result of deeply looking into ourselves, but it has to come from outside of us, outside of our personal preferences, and outside of our world. And love did just that.

As we walk through this brief chapter, every time that the word *love* appears, you can read Jesus to see the perfect love that fulfills and replaces all our weak attempts to love. Jesus' love is not only the most excellent way but the exclusive way and truth and life. Without the love of Christ, there would be no such thing as love, and even our feeble attempts to copy his love would come to nothing. Yet through his life, death, and resurrection, our love is enabled and renewed. He loved you to the point of pouring out his life in your stead. This now allows you to see others as he does: dear souls in need of his love—love that Jesus freely gave.

Lord of love, we often take a shallow approach to love in our lives, Let our love first see you and the love you have given us in Jesus. May your love transform our love and our lives. In Jesus' name, we pray. Amen



THIS MONTH

- **Sunday morning worship is at 9:30 and is being livestreamed via YouTube.**
- **BOOK CLUB: 1st Tuesday at noon. See page 5 for more information**
- **W-ELCA meets 3rd Tuesday at noon to continue planning for summer events**
- **SALAD LUNCHEON MAY 17TH at noon. Cost \$12 per ticket**
- **CHURCH COUNCIL meets 3rd Monday of the month at 6:00 PM**
- **MEN'S BIBLE STUDY meets Wednesdays at 8 AM at church**
- **QUILTERS: meet 4th Tuesday starting at 9 AM to make blankets/quilts for Lutheran World Relief**

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Lunch and Literature Book Discussion

Tuesday May 2nd at Noon

Book choice: "Death Stalks Door County" by Patricia Skalka

About the author: Patricia Skalka is a former writer for *Reader's Digest*. She presents writing workshops throughout the United States. She divides her time between her native Chicago and her cottage in Door County, Wisconsin.

About the book: Six deaths mar the holiday mood as summer vacationers enjoy Wisconsin's beautiful Door County peninsula. Murders or bizarre accidents? Newly hired park ranger Dave Cubiak, a former Chicago homicide detective, assumes the worst but refuses to get involved. Grief-stricken and guilt-ridden over the loss of his wife and daughter, he's had enough of death. Forced to confront the past, the morose Cubiak moves beyond his own heartache and starts investigating, even as a popular festival draws more people into possible danger. In a desperate search for clues Cubiak uncovers a tangled web of greed, betrayal, bitter rivalries, and lost love beneath the peninsula's travel-brochure veneer. Befriended by several locals but unsure whom to trust or to suspect of murder, the one-time cop tracks a clever killer.

Tuesday June 6th at Noon

Book choice: "Paper Gods" by Goldie Taylor

The mayor of Atlanta and a washed-up reporter investigate a series of assassinations, and uncover a conspiracy that reaches into the heart of the city's political machine. Mayor Victoria Dobbs Overstreet is a Harvard-trained attorney and Spelman alum, married to a celebrated heart surgeon, mother of beautiful twin girls, and a political genius. When her mentor, ally, and friend Congresswoman Ezra Hawkins is gunned down in Ebenezer Baptist Church, Victoria finds a "paper god"-tucked inside his Bible. These paper gods turn up again and again always after someone is kicked. Someone is terrorizing those who are close to Mayor Dobbs, and she can't shake the feeling that the killer is close to her, too.

MAY 17th

Salad Luncheon Noon—1 PM

Tickets available \$12.00. Sign up in the basement for bringing salads or bars. Also sign up to help with the set up, serving, and clean-up. Thank you for your support.



- May 6th Joshua Degrave
Kurt DeGrave
- May 10 Karin Heldmann
Delaney Wilke
- May 11th Jessica Jacobson
- May 16th Barbro Wilson
- May 19th Roy Jilburg
- May 25th Jim Monahan
- May 31st John Melland



- May 15th George Sincock & Jane
Roalkvan-Sincock
- May 20th Carolyn & John Melland
Tiffany & Nick Schultz
- May 23rd Jill & Kurt Degrave

Outdoor Services this summer

- June 18th
- July 16th
- August 13th
- September 10th

Put these on your calendar and invite friends and family to not only enjoy the goodness of God but also the beauty that he surrounds us with.





HAINESVILLE LUTHERAN CHURCH

"The Little Church with a Big Heart"

April 17th, 2023 Un-approved Council Meeting Minutes

Present: Joanne Adlon, George Sincock, Gordon Hughes, John Melland, Linda Monahan, Gene LaPlante, Ellen Klister, Marie Weber, Pastor Mary Lou Plummer, Sue Nusbaum

Absent: Heather Haese

Meeting opened with Prayer at 6 pm, by Joanne Adlon

Agenda accepted, by Ellen, 2nd by George, agenda approved

Pastor Report: (Pastor Mary Lou)

- In March, attempted to reach church member, with no response.
- Visited patients at the Dorchester & the hospital who are church members
- Did Outreach at the hospital, representing Hainesville Lutheran Church. Will be Presiding at Hans Sawitzki's funeral, April 18, 2023, discussed funeral arrangements

Reports from Trustees & Deacons

Worship, Music, Arts: (Gordy)

- Easter service, April 9th, was Great! Lilies, music, sermon, & video made for a beautiful service.
- Quantum in Sturgeon Bay, has completed about half of the contracted items. The pavilion portion will be done soon.
- Mama J & the Praise Hounds will be at our May 7th service. Discussion on updating the church's on-line service were discussed

Social Ministry: (Marie)

- Spring Clean Up is scheduled for May 6th, at 9am.
- Dave Gruenwald will help clean up the ditches; & mulch will be spread, replace & repair basketball stand & hoop, level out the chalice box in the sanctuary.
- Discussion on placing a picture of Pastor Mary Lou Plummer on the Pastor's wall

Evangelism: (Linda)

- March - Get Well card sent to Pastor Raben Thank you, cards were sent for, special donations

Property: (John/Gene)

- Sump pump O-ring cracked, caused flood in basement, this was repaired & cleaned up
- Air conditioner covers have been removed
- Lawnmower has been serviced & sharpened & ready for use.
- Discussion on "water testing". The State of Wisconsin will be coming in on April 26th, to test our water. Russ Klister will work with the State on our water test procedures. We will follow their guidelines.
- Discussion on a cleaning company for the church. Motion made to temporarily use Orrick Enterprises to clean the church

again. Motion by Gordy, 2nd by George.

- Joanne will contact a possible alternative cleaning company

Education: (Heather)

For Confirmation, May 21, the students will be doing Bible verses, instead of a faith statement

Church Officers Reports:

President: (Joanne)

- Delegates for Synod Meeting, May 20, will be Joanne, & Evelyn
- Cards & letters received from Pastor Raben, Tilly Haneman at Easter & the Red Hatters sent thank you for the use of the Church for their event.
- Discussion about the list of children baptized at Hainesville.

Vice-President: (George)

No report

Treasurer: (Ellen)

- A gift card purchased as a thank you for Mama J & the Praise Hounds has been returned to us. The group do their music in honor of God & do not want any gratuity. Motion presented by Ellen to give the gift card to Jim Hanstad for his many hours of devoted service & music talents during services. 2nd by Marie, motion approved.
- In March there was a small budget deficit, but overall we are ahead of budget by \$4300.
- An anonymous \$500. donation has been given towards the sound system.

Secretary: (Sue)

Motion by Linda to accept the previous months report, 2nd by John, motion carried

Upcoming Events: (Weddings, Funerals, Baptisms, etc.)

- Funeral, Hans Sawitzki, April 17th, Tuesday
- Spring Clean Up, May 6th, Saturday, 9am.
- Salad Luncheon, May 17th, Noon to 1
- Confirmation, May 21, Sunday
- Fish Boil, June 2nd, Friday
- Goods & Goodies Sale, July 15th, Saturday

Old Business:

- AC/Heating, has been resolved
- Discussion on "Facility Use Form", form will stay as printed.
- Port-A-Potty discussion, Joanne will get pricing for rental for future events.
- Sunday School Class books are available in the Sunday

(Council minutes cont.)
School Room.

- Kneeler to be covered, George will take care of completion.
- Discussion Stained Glass Windows, Linda's group has ideas for using "water scenes". The group is waiting for possible mock-ups from the stained-glass window company. A \$500. Anonymous donation has been received toward the windows.

New Business:

Discussion, led by Ellen regarding the GBU Life Account, Motion to put \$50,000., in an account to receive a higher interest rate, made by Ellen, 2nd by George, Motion approved.

Tabled Items:

Discussion regarding improvements to the School House Bldg. The foundation needs to be addressed before any improvements can be made to the interior. Gene will contact a contractor to get an estimate on shoring up the foundation & tuck pointing the exterior. The estimate could be quite high for the outside repairs & in the future will need a Congregational Vote to go ahead with the project.

Closing Prayer & Adjourned: Motion by Marie & 2nd by Ellen, adjourned at 7pm.

Next Meeting: May 15, 2023

Upcoming Events for Spring/Summer

SALAD LUNCHEON Wednesday May 17th from noon until 1 PM Tickets: \$12



The Hainesville Lutheran ELCA Ladies are pleased to announce that we will be having our Salad Luncheon again this year! Please call Evelyn for tickets at (920-743-8548)

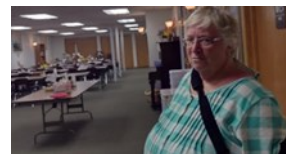
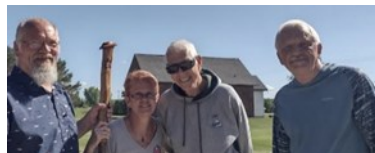
We are looking for any type of salad plus bars/cookies for dessert! There is a "sign-up" sheet on the bulletin board in the basement! We have "excellent" cooks in our Church so let's start looking through our recipes!

Thanks Much! Marie Weber, Gloria LaPlante, Deb Grunwald, Marlene Larson and Irene Thorson

FISH BOIL Friday June 2nd at 5:00 PM Tickets:

\$18 for fish; \$12 for hamburger

Get your tickets by May 26. Call Evelyn Breider at 920-743-8548



GOODS AND GOODIE SALE: Saturday July 15th

From Carolyn concerning the July Goods & Goodies sale:

To anyone wishing to donate items for the yard sale... Please leave donations by the memorial wall no later than July 8th. **DO NOT LEAVE ANY OF THE FOLLOWING**

- * Clothing of any kind
- * Microwave ovens
- * Computers/Peripherals
- * TV sets/Monitors
- * Refrigerators
- * Freezers

- * Organs
- * Air conditioners
- * Mattresses

All other items are very much appreciated and we thank you. If any larger items or questions please call Carolyn Melland at 920-743-4470 920-495-2871



2023

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
	1	2 NOON: Book Club meets to discuss <u>Death Stalks Door County</u> by Patricia Skalka 	3 8 AM Men's Breakfast/ Bible Study	4	5	6 9 AM Church clean-up
7 9:30 am Worship/ Communion Mama J and the Praise Hounds <i>Confirmation class after worship</i>	8	9	10 8 AM Men's Breakfast/ Bible Study	11	12	13 9:30 AM Family Choir
14 9:30 am Worship <i>Confirmation class after worship</i>	15 6 PM Church Council	16 NOON: W-ELCA meets; set up for tomorrow	17 8 AM Men's Breakfast/ Bible Study NOON: Salad Luncheon \$12 a ticket	18	19	20 Synod Assembly in Appleton
21 9:30 am Worship/ Communion/ Confirmation	22	23 9 AM—Noon Quilting for LWR	24 8 AM Men's Breakfast/ Bible Study	25	26 Last day for Fish Boil tickets	27
28 9:30 am Worship	29 	30	31			

Keep Them in Your Prayers

Rusty (Allen), Tom (Angermeier), Devin (Bartos), Joe (Bartos), Lyle (Bernt), Karen & Del (Brewer), Eugene (Clark), Mike & Rina (Clumpner), Robert (Connrey), Danielle (Davis), Carol (Dennis), Emery (Freiberg), Ruth (Grainger), Mathilde & Richard (Hannemann), Cindy (Knapp), Shari (Krueger), Ellie (Krull), Larry (Mallien), Joe (May), Fran (McCarthy), Ken (Overland), Jodi (P), Pastor Raben, Matthew (Roque), Alice (Roque-Angermeier), Lexi, & Laci (S), Eric (Thorson), Kari (Uetz), Nick (Vogel), and Joe.



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PLEASE HELP YOURSELF

LWR Fall Collection of Quilts and School Bags

LUTHERAN WORLD RELIEF SCHOOL SUPPLIES

Over the summer, keep in mind that we still can be collecting items for LWR School kits. Peggy Odegaard has approximately 100 school bags ready to be filled. **ONLY THE FOLLOWING ITEMS ARE PERMITTED**

Watch for sales to stock up! All items for the school kits are to be new. Here is the list.

- * FOUR 70-sheet notebooks of wide-ruled or college-ruled paper (no loose leaf paper)
- * ONE 30-centimeter ruler, or a ruler with centimeters on one side and inches on the other
- * ONE pair of blunt scissors

- * FIVE **unsharpened** #2 pencils
- * FIVE black or blue ballpoint pens (no gel pens)
- * ONE box of 16 or 24 crayons
- * ONE 2 1/2" eraser
- * ONE pencil sharpener

Shipping date is October 6, 2023. Now is the time to get the supplies when they are on sale. There will be a collection box and a chart as to what is still needed in the basement. As of the writing of this newsletter all the items are still needed.

