

“Every saint has a past. Every sinner has a future.”  
—Stanley Hauerwas

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# Hainesville Crossroads

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*Rejoice in hope, be patient in suffering, persevere in prayer.*

- Romans 12:12

Dear Friends in Christ,

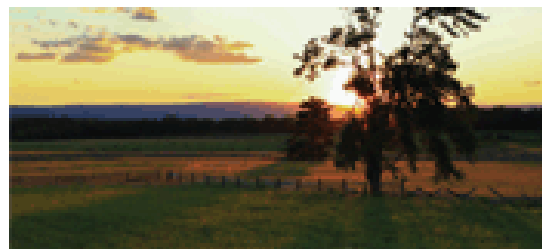
The course of the last month has been a bit of a roller-coaster ride. To quote a few lines of a Grateful Dead song:

*Sometimes the light's all  
shinin' on me  
Other times, I can barely see  
Lately, it occurs to me  
What a long, strange trip it's been*

During this time of COVID-19, perhaps some of you can relate. I certainly can. This has not been the 2020 vision that I had imagined when writing my January newsletter article in late December 2019. In what has already been a peculiar summer with plans plundered by a pandemic, July, in particular, is a

month where I would definitely like to press the “do-over” button. Yes, what a long, strange trip it's been.

On July 7<sup>th</sup>, my wife, Jessica, took my mother in to the clinic in Shawano for an urgent care visit after she had been experiencing some abdominal pain. A series of tests and scans finally revealed that my mother's appendix had ruptured. She went in for emergency surgery that evening in Shawano. I was waiting in her hospital room afterward and was thrilled to see her and the relief on her face because she wasn't in any discomfort. The surgeon told me that the surgery went as smoothly as could be expected. She did say that this was not a simple surgery and that the recovery would take some time as she anticipated my mother would be in the hospital a few days before she could be discharged. Those few days turned into 22 days in the hospital in Shawano after a myriad of complications arose where the so-



## THIS MONTH at a glance

- **Sunday morning worship available by 8 AM online through our web site or Facebook or YouTube**
- **Book Club Tuesday August 4th at noon online using ZOOM**
- **Bible study: Tuesday August 11th at 1:00 PM online using ZOOM**
- **Covid-19 Task Force meets Tuesday Aug 11th 6:30 PM using ZOOM**
- **Church Council Tuesday August 18th at 6:00 PM using ZOOM**
- **Men's Bible study meets Wednesdays at 8 AM online using ZOOM**

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FROM THE PASTOR:

## Words of Gratitude continued from page one

lution to one problem resulted in new problems that needed to be treated. This past Tuesday, a new issue arose, which was the most significant to date, and was outside of the scope of care that the hospital in Shawano could provide. That evening, my mother was transferred to an ICU in Green Bay. As I write this on the last day of July, my mother is still in an ICU bed in Green Bay. She has made some significant strides in the past three days, but is still not strong enough to be transferred to a regular room. Her sense of humor has come back a little bit and we have had some great conversations because her voice is close to being back to normal.

Complicating things, my sister, who has special needs, had been staying with my mother since the beginning of our COVID-19 restrictions in March. When my mother was hospitalized, my sister lost her caregiver. Up until yesterday, my sister had been splitting time at my mother's house in Shawano with me staying there with her in the beginning of the week and coming back with me to Green Bay to stay with us so Jessica could tend to her needs while I worked my night shifts at the pharmacy at the end of the week. Yesterday, my sister moved into her new residence at an adult family care home in Shawano. It was an emotionally difficult decision for our family, yet we all felt very comfortable with it as my mother was very familiar with the home, the staff, and the management. My sister is in a place where she will be well cared for and have an opportunity for greater socialization with her new housemates and care staff.

I want to extend my thanks and gratitude to all of you for your continued thoughts and prayers for all of my fami-

ly during this challenging time. I am thankful for Paula who continues to hold things together in the church office and does it exceptionally well. I am thankful for Pastor Mike Zolnosky for filling in for me these past few weeks and bringing you the Good News through our weekly online worship services so I am able to tend to my family's needs. I am thankful for the support of the church council for lifting me up when I have felt the weight of everything that has been happening. I am thankful for the members of our COVID-19 Task Force who have accomplished a lot since first convening a month ago to put policies, procedures, and plans in place to position the church to move forward with some form in-person gathering when the criteria and conditions are right. And I am thankful for my wife, Jessica, who has been my listening post, my communications manager, and my co-caregiver for my sister.

Yes, what a long, strange trip it's been. It has been a difficult month, yet I am hopeful. I am hopeful in God's promise that we never walk alone in our suffering. Through all the people that I have encountered or been in contact with this past month – the doctors, nurses, therapists, CNA's, caregivers, staff, family, friends, and neighbors, I have become acutely aware of God's presence in every single person that has helped with their heads, hands, and feet and with their encouraging words and prayers. If there is ever any doubt in my mind and I ask myself, "Where is God in all this?", I sure don't need to look very far.

Peace, Love, and Gratitude,

Pastor Trent

# SUMMER



August 2nd	Linda Zolnosky
August 4th	Jean Hovik
August 8th	Deb Jones
August 13th	Erik Jilburg Nick Schultz Michelle Brunette
August 14th	Mike Zolnosky
August 16th	Kyler Borkovetz Wyatt Wilke
August 22nd	Edith Hanstad Jon Wilson Dan Kostichka
August 23rd	Toni Lawson
August 29th	Sue Aune
August 30th	Lori Flick-Langer Joan Schneider



August 7th	Michelle & Brian Brunette
August 18th	Gene & Gloria LaPlante
August 19th	Deb & Dave Grunwald
August 22nd	Barb & Richard Dunlap
August 23rd	Sue & Bill Nusbaum
August 24th	Rev Terry & Cindy Kinney
August 27th	Matt & Kirsten Young



# July 21st, 2020 Meeting Council Meeting (unapproved) Minutes

Present: Pastor Trent, Jim Vogel, Marie Weber, Rick Hannemann, Linda Monahan, Bonnie Kohn, April Mascorro  
Absent: Ellen Klister, Gene LaPlante, Frank Pudlo, John Melland  
Opening prayer; Call to order by Jim Vogel at 6:10pm.

Due to COVID-19, Stay at Home order, council met today, via ZOOM (video conferencing application). The Hainesville COVID-19 Task Force along with congregation, were invited to attend, to discuss a Plan to Gather (at church).

Non-Council attendees: Margery Reynolds, Linda Freier, Jessica Zeitler, Kari Pudlo, George Sincock, Paula Eggert, David Freier

Margery presented COVID-19 Task Force status. The Task Force is following the suggested guidelines of the CDC, which includes Department of Health phases. See separate PowerPoint shared during the council meeting.

#1 Council stance is “don’t rush into meeting in person”. The #1 question is “What does the congregation want as a whole, for return to church”? A survey was suggested, tabled for now. Outdoor worship was discussed, tabled for now (see more discussion in Pastor’s report below). Council decided, we will continue as is, meaning no in-person worship, with the expectation the Task Force will continue to meet, as they see fit, to monitor COVID-19 from the CDC’s perspective, along with our County statistics. They will keep Council updated. Motion made by April to continue as is. 2<sup>nd</sup> by Rick.

Linda’s report: (evangelism)

Advertising with Peninsula Pulse – Jim talked to the Pulse and was able to put a temporary hold on advertising at no cost to the church. Advertising needs to be revisited, so the agreement runs January to January.

Marie’s report: (social ministry)

Feed my People are asking for food donations. Suggestion to include a request in church newsletter, where people can drop off their donations either at Feed my People or at Marie’s house, and she will deliver.

Backpacks for Lutheran Work Relief – should these be put on hold for an October delivery? Marla and Sue to make a decision.

Quilts will not be sent out.

Property report (Rick):

Securing quotes to revisit fire insurance.  
Working on workers compensation quotes, also.  
Culvert between the church and school to be reviewed by Gene LaPlante.

President’s report (Jim):

Upgrade Sunday school room estimate is \$14,000.

All plans should be discussed with Sunday school teachers.

April mentioned, her husband has a flooring installation business, he could assist with flooring measuring, installation, etc. Mentioned not in favor of virtual communion.

Secretary’s report:

Motion to approve June minutes by Linda, 2<sup>nd</sup> by Rick

April will check with local police and fire department regarding a need for them to enter church in the event of an emergency. Can we provide them a key?

Treasurer’s report:

Motion to approve June financials by Bonnie, 2<sup>nd</sup> by Rick

Pastor’s report:

YouTube recorded service (current method) offers a lot of positive flexibility.

If we meet for outdoor worship, what happens to recorded service? Outdoor service could be recorded, but wouldn’t be posted until later Sunday afternoon, whereas with YouTube the recorded service is available by Sunday 9am or sooner.

Other means of ‘meeting’ for worship could be Facetime, but faulty internet makes that not a good option.

Concerns with the amount of time it would take to prepare for outdoor worship (i.e.; recording, etc.).

Pastor Trent is putting in 35+ hours a week, when it should be 25 hours. He will provide a list of all the things he’s doing, in hopes that others could take things off his plate.

Pastor Trent would like to resume people reach-out.

Pursuing a \$3,000 technology grant with the Synod.

In order to stream services, Quantum PC provided a \$4,500 quote.

Closed with prayer; meeting adjourned at 7:42 pm., motion by April, 2<sup>nd</sup> by Rick.

Next meeting is 8/18 @ 6pm. We will meet virtually.

April Mascorro (Council secretary)

**Council members for 2020:** Jim Vogel-President; John Melland, Vice-President; April Mascorro-Secretary; Ellen Klister—Treasurer; Property—Rick Hannemann & Gene LaPlante; Music/Worship— Bonnie Kohn; Education— Frank Pudlo; Social Ministry—Marie Weber; Evangelism—Linda Monahan

# Patient attention, valuable discoveries

For many people, the coronavirus pandemic has been a test of patience — or worse. Medically vulnerable people face an anxious time of hypervigilance. Furloughed workers wait on hold or in lines for assistance. Special events have been canceled or rescheduled.

Those not impacted directly deal with assorted frustrations and inconveniences. Many people are learning the benefit of slowing down, being present (even virtually) to others and practicing patient attention.

Interestingly, scientist Isaac Newton did some of his best work when the plague forced Cambridge University to close. At home, the inquisitive student invented calculus and developed groundbreaking theories of gravity and optics. Later

Newton called 1666 his *annus mirabilis* (“year of wonders”) and reportedly said, “If I have made any valuable discoveries, it [owes] more to patient attention than to any other talent.”

What have you discovered during the Covid-19 crisis? What appreciations have you developed for aspects of life you may have previously taken for granted? What has social distancing taught you about the value of neighbors, church, community volunteering?

During the pandemic, what have you learned about persistence and God’s presence? What empathy do you now feel for writers of words such as “I wait for the LORD, my whole being waits, and in his word I put my hope” (Psalm 130:5, NIV)?

## Would you like a copy of the Sunday sermons “snail mailed” to you?

We have decided to make a copy of Pastor Trent’s sermons available to you, especially for those who have not been able to watch church on line. We are also in the process of making the sermons available for you to read through a tab on the church web site. Past worship services are always available to watch anytime through the church web site.

**If you would like me to mail you a copy of the sermon: Call church office and leave a message. Be sure to leave your first and last name. Church office number: (920) 743-9806**

## From the Wisconsin Council of Churches

In response to Wisconsin’s climbing COVID-19 infection rate, the Wisconsin Council of Churches has published an update. It strongly encourages returning to on-line worship only at this time as well as offering some other timely thoughts and encouragements. Their response is care-filled and encourages each congregation to re-evaluate what their present practices are. To read the full 4-page report follow this link . It’s a science based approach and well worth your time to read it.

<https://www.wichurches.org/2020/07/30/returning-to-church-july-2020-recommendations/>

## Keep Them in Your Prayers

**Rusty** (Allen), **Riley** (A), **Lindsay** (A), **Sandy** (Anderson), **Trudy** (Berkhahn), **Nancy** (Bontempo), **Shirley** (Brandt), **Karen & Del** (Brewer), **Dennis** (Buckingham), **Eugene** (Clark), **Danielle** (Davis), **Diane** (Duncan), **Barbara** (Foster), **Mike** (Grainger), **Ruth** (Grainger), **Joanne** (Huhta), **Cindy & Terry** (Kinney), **Ellie** (Krull), **Harold** (Larsen), **Judy** (Larson), **Judy** (LaVine), **Natalie** (Markham), **Francine** (Meyer), **Ken** (Overland), **Jodi** (P), **Michelle** (Raasch), **MaryLee** (Riddle), **Matthew** (Roque), **Alice** (Roque-Angermeier), **Troy** (Schiesser), **Eric** (Thorson), **Dorothy** (Twiton), **Kari** (Uetz), **Aubrey** (W), **Laddie** (Watson), **Judy** (Zeitler) and **Jeanine**.



# Hainesville “Zoom” Book Club Meetings



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**AUGUST 4th Zoom at Noon - *The Alto Wore Tweed* by Mark Schweizer**

**Discussion leader: Linda Zolnosky**

(No. 1 in the Liturgical Mystery series) Hayden Konig is the police chief in the small Appalachian town of St. Germaine, North Carolina. His part-time job, however, is serving as the choir director and organist at St. Barnabas Episcopal Church, but he’s also determined to write the next great hard-boiled mystery novel a la Raymond Chandler — a liturgical mystery novel with no real plot, but enough bad prose to make the Bulwer-Lytton Fiction Contest look like the Oxford University Press spring catalog. Chief Konig is also lucky enough to be independently wealthy, which is why he decides that his lack of talent in the writing department can easily be remedied, or at least greatly enhanced, by the purchase of Raymond Chandler’s 1939 Underwood typewriter. He is sadly mistaken, but the results are uproarious! Even as Hayden works on his opus, he must deal with other, more pressing, problems — a new priest at St. Barnabas, a Christmas feud between the Rotarians and the Kiwanians and, more importantly, a dead body in the choir loft. It’s a good thing that Hayden keeps a loaded Glock under the organ bench! As Christmas approaches, the tension (and hilarity) rises to a fever pitch. St. Barnabas is introduced to “The Penguin of Bethlehem” and the town’s Nativity feud turns ugly when the Kiwanian’s bagpiper spooks the Rotarian’s camel. A 12 year old wine snob, hedgehogs, Benny (the world-champion thurifer), church antics, and an episode that is just too good to give away, fill out this mystery that will leave you laughing all the way.

**SEPTEMBER 1st Zoom at noon – *The Keeper of Lost Things* by Ruth Hogan**

**Discussion Leader: Linda Monahan**

A charming, clever, and quietly moving debut novel of endless possibilities and joyful discoveries that explores the promises we make and break, losing and finding ourselves, the objects that hold magic and meaning for our lives, and the surprising connections that bind us.

*Lime green plastic flower-shaped hair bobbles*—Found, on the playing field, Derrywood Park, 2nd September.

*Bone china cup and saucer*—Found, on a bench in Riveria Public Gardens, 31st October.

Anthony Peardew is the keeper of lost things. Forty years ago, he carelessly lost a keepsake from his beloved fiancée, Therese. That very same day, she died unexpectedly. Brokenhearted, Anthony sought consolation in rescuing lost objects—the things others have dropped, misplaced, or accidentally left behind—and writing stories about them. Now, in the twilight of his life, Anthony worries that he has not fully discharged his duty to reconcile all the lost things with their owners. As the end nears, he bequeaths his secret life’s mission to his unsuspecting assistant, Laura, leaving her his house and all its lost treasures, including an irritable ghost.

Recovering from a bad divorce, Laura, in some ways, is one of Anthony’s lost things. But when the lonely woman moves into his mansion, her life begins to change. She finds a new friend in the neighbor’s quirky daughter, Sunshine, and a welcome distraction in Freddy, the rugged gardener. As the dark cloud engulfing her lifts, Laura, accompanied by her new companions, sets out to realize Anthony’s last wish: reuniting his cherished lost objects with their owners.

Long ago, Eunice found a trinket on the London pavement and kept it through the years. Now, with her own end drawing near, she has lost something precious—a tragic twist of fate that forces her to break a promise she once made.

As the Keeper of Lost Objects, Laura holds the key to Anthony and Eunice’s redemption. But can she unlock the past and make the connections that will lay their spirits to rest?

Full of character, wit, and wisdom, *The Keeper of Lost Things* is heartwarming tale that will enchant fans of *The Particular Sadness of Lemon Cake*, *Garden Spells*, *Mrs. Queen Takes the Train*, and *The Silver Linings Playbook*.



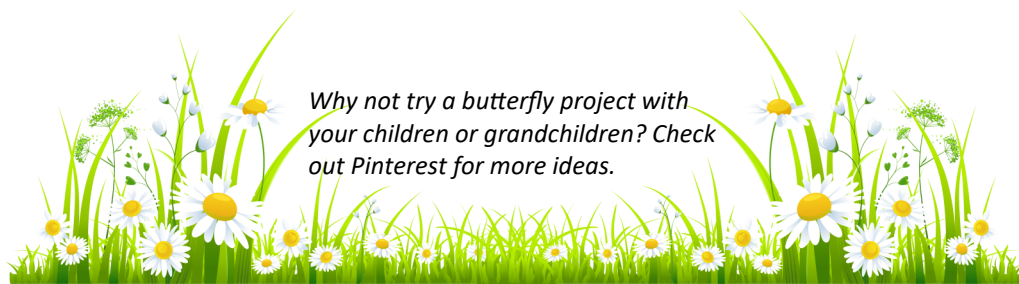
# AUGUST

# 2020

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
<b>2</b> 9:30 Worship on Facebook Zoom coffee Hour 9 AM	<b>3</b>	<b>4</b>  Books Belief Belonging <b>Zoom Book Club</b> Noon—1 PM at church <i>The Alto Wore Tweed</i>	<b>5</b> Zoom 8 AM Men's Breakfast Group	<b>6</b>	<b>7</b>	<b>1</b> <hr/> <b>8</b>
<b>9</b> 9:30 Worship on Facebook Zoom coffee Hour 9 AM	<b>10</b>	<b>11</b> <b>ZOOM 1 PM Women's Bible Study</b> 6:30 PM Covid-19 Task Force Zoom meeting	<b>12</b> Zoom 8 AM Men's Breakfast Group	<b>13</b>	<b>14</b>	<b>15</b>
<b>16</b> 9:30 Worship on Facebook Zoom coffee Hour 9 AM	<b>17</b>	<b>18</b> <b>Zoom 6 PM Church Council</b>	<b>19</b> Zoom 8 AM Men's Breakfast Group	<b>20</b>	<b>21</b> <i>Newsletter deadline</i>	<b>22</b>
<b>23</b> 9:30 Worship on Facebook Zoom coffee Hour 9 AM	<b>24</b>	<b>25</b>	<b>26</b> Zoom 8 AM Men's Breakfast Group	<b>27</b>	<b>28</b> <i>Newsletter Printed</i>	<b>29</b>
<b>30</b> 9:30 Worship on Facebook Zoom coffee Hour 9 AM	<b>31</b>					

The Hainesville Lutheran Covid-19 Task force will be meeting once a month for the time being, using the zoom platform. Our goal is to develop plans and procedures for a variety of in-person worship scenarios. The church council and Pastor Trent will then use the information we present to help them determine and plan any future in-person worship services and any other uses of the church building.

# Butterfly Projects from Pinterest



*Why not try a butterfly project with your children or grandchildren? Check out Pinterest for more ideas.*



## The Master's works

As a skilled inventor, John Muir was a prized factory employee in Indianapolis. If not for an industrial accident in his 20s, he may have spent his life making things indoors. But after recovering from being temporarily blinded, Muir headed on a 1,000-mile walk to "consider the lilies." He then began doing that literally, as a botanist.

To his résumé, the 19th-century Renaissance man added naturalist, glaciologist, conservationist, founder of the Sierra Club, and Father of National Parks. Yet when Muir was asked what he did, he replied simply, "I study the inventions of God."

## Kingdom on wheels

"If you love what you do, you're going to talk about it," says Philadelphia Eagles quarterback Carson Wentz. "I love Jesus ... so I'm going to talk about [him]. But I'm not going to force [Christianity] down your throat, either." That's why the pro athlete tries to show his faith by "how I live and what I'm about."

Wentz started the foundation AO1 (Audience of One) to make a tangible impact beyond the gridiron. With a local church, he sponsors Thy Kingdom Crumb, a food truck that offers free meals to people in the community. The motto painted on the mobile restaurant sums up the message Wentz wants to share with his neighbors: "It's on us ... 'cause he loves you!"

# August Newsletter



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## Precision-crafted by the Master

All around us, miracles happen and God empowers life, thanks to exacting conditions. We know of caterpillars and butterflies, but did you know about these details shared by Gayle Boss in *Wild Hope* (Paraclete)?

“For about a month each female [monarch butterfly] plants four hundred or so eggs. ... Ninety-nine in a hundred ... perish. But on the third day, from the one remaining, a caterpillar the size of a rice grain breaks.

“She devours the egg casing, then the milkweed leaves beneath her feet. In those leaves is a steroid that makes her body brightly striped — and toxic to her predators. Ravenous, she eats milkweed unceasingly for twelve days, bulging her skin to splitting. Five skins later, two thousand times her birthweight, she stops. ...

“Crawling to a suitable twig or ledge, she hangs head down, shaping herself into a question mark. One last time her skin falls away. This new one is not a soft, stripy, caterpillar skin but a polished, jade-green shell studded with a gold tiara.

“Because she is enclosed and still, changes that had already begun within her wormlike body erupt outward. Wings! Long, delicate legs! After twelve days in the chrysalis she is a new creature.” Praise God!

