

"Is prayer your steering wheel or your spare tire?"

—Corrie ten Boom



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When the kindness and love of God our Savior appeared, he saved us, not because of righteous things we had done, but because of his mercy. He saved us through the washing of rebirth and renewal by the Holy Spirit, whom he poured out on us generously through Jesus Christ our Savior, so that, having been justified by his grace, we might become heirs having the hope of eternal life. (Titus 3:4-7 NIV)

GOD SAVED US BY FORGIVING OUR SINS

On October 14, 1987, Jessica McClure fell into a well in Midland, Texas. She was only 18 months old. The well casing was only 8 inches wide, and she had fallen 22 feet below. After 56 hours of drilling through mostly impervious rock, the rescuers pulled Baby Jessica from the well.

Usually when we hear of someone being rescued, it's bodily or physical in nature. For example, firefighters, EMS workers, and doctors save bodies, but bodily or physical saving can never provide lasting rescue; it doesn't rescue the soul. But when God saves, he does it spiritually; he saves the soul. When the soul is saved, the body is too—eternally!

Paul explains the way God saves us with one word—"justified." That's a legal term for saying "God forgave our sins." God doesn't save us by making a moral change in us so that we don't sin anymore. I think that's obvious. Just visit your yesterday's thoughts, words, and actions. God saves by justifying us. He declares us not guilty. In other words, though we have done the crime, we don't ever have to do the time. How so?

Well, God is indeed the judge of all! And from his bench he declares the believer in Jesus justified or acquitted. There is no punishment coming to those who trust Jesus. It turns out, there was someone who, though he didn't do the crimes (sins), did the time for us—and for the whole world—Jesus! He was punished on the cross under the guilt of all people, yours included. So, you stand this very day as not guilty.

The saving that God does by justifying will never become a media sensation. That's because you can't see it. You can only hear it. It's what God promises in Christ and declares in his Word. But someday, you will get to see what God's justification of sinners brings about. The justified sinner is holy in God's eyes, and that means you will take your place where the holy God is. You will be saved from hell's pit and delivered to heaven's glory—both body and soul.

Heavenly Father, thank you for giving me the kind of saving I really needed by justifying me through faith in Christ. Amen



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February

- Sunday morning worship in sanctuary at 9:30 and is being live-streamed via YouTube.
- ANNUAL MEETING FEB 4TH following worship service; Soup-er luncheon planned—please help if possible
- Book Club meets February 6th at noon
- Bible Study—Be Like Jesus, Live Like Jesus February 13 at 9:30
- ASH WEDNESDAY WORSHIP is February 14th at Hainesville at Noon. No meal following.
- Church council meets Monday February 19th at 6PM
- WELCA meets Tuesday February 20th at noon
- Men's Bible study meets Wednesday at 8 AM at church
- Quilting group on 4th Tuesday of the month



December 19, 2023 Church Council Minutes

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

Meeting was opened with the Council Prayer at 6 pm. by Joanne Adlon.

Agenda accepted, motion to accept the agenda by Sue, & 2nd by John.. Agenda accepted.

Pastor's Report: Pastor Mary Lou:

- Pastor made in-home visits to our member shut-ins. Eugene Clark, Elsie Wagner, & Tillie Hannemann were visited.
- Advent Services have gone very well. Services & luncheons were well attended.
- Our Advent Concert was a Big Hit! Thank you to all who participated! Especially those who worked so hard to make it a success!

REPORTS FROM COUNCIL REPRESENTATIVES

Worship, Music, and Arts: (Gordy Hughes)

- Five New Members will be accepted on January 14th. Discussion regarding a "church orientation program" for the new members followed. It was decided that Pastor would meet with the new members, along with an established member, possibly in a "coffee get-together" setting, sometime before the induction ceremony. This would help new members get to know how Hainesville works and what we are all about. Our "gift basket" for new members will be presented to the members on the day they become members. It was decided to have a Chicken dinner after the January 14th, New Member induction. George will order the food for this event.
- Signage for the South entrance door, including a "handicapped" entrance sign will be ordered & installed. This was decided after we received comments regarding which doors to use on entering the Church.
- The church sign at County M & Sand Bay Road has been gone for a long time. We will need permission from the County. Someone will contact them & get permission & the sign will be replaced.
- Communion assistants were assigned for January.

Social Concerns: (Marie)

The women's group raised \$772 to give Christmas presents to two needy families. They were gratefully accepted.

Evangelism: (Linda)

Our ad in the "Pulse" newspaper contained the info. for the Advent Service. And our ad will contain the info on our Christmas Eve service.

- A sympathy card was sent to Mary Bosman's family, (Dorothy Twiton's sister), who passed away Dec. 8th, for all the help May has done for Hainesville Church.

Properties: (Gene and John)

- George installed one of three outside door closures, (to keep the wind from damaging the outside doors). George will

install the rest as he has time. Thank you George!

- The carpet has been fixed in the sanctuary, by Dave Mascorro.
- John has received estimates to have the lawn rolled, to allow smoother mowing of the lawn. A motion was made by Ellen, for John to choose a company to do the rolling in the spring as long as it doesn't exceed \$500. This motion was 2nd by Marie. Motion accepted.

Education: (Heather)

- The Sunday School did a great job with their Christmas program last Sunday.
- Rick Hannemann will do the "acolyte class" for the students on January 21.

CHURCH OFFICERS REPORTS:

President: (Joanne)

Joanne announced that an anonymous member of our congregation will match up to \$5000. toward the Stained Glass Fund. And \$1000. Has already been raised!

Vice President: (George)

- The basketball hoop has been fixed.
- New light bulbs were installed in the attic receptacles.
- Shelving has been donated upstairs.
- A "manger" was made for the Sunday School Christmas Program. Thank you, George!!!

Treasurer: (Ellen)

- The budget for November is in good standing.
- The "Stained Glass Window Fund" is \$52,980., with \$9062. needed to reach the final goal. The down payment of \$7000. has already been sent to the Conrad Schmitt company.
- Bonuses for our Pastor, secretary, & kitchen person were sent.
- Motion to accept the Treasurer's report by George & 2nd by Marie, motion accepted.
- Motion to accept the budget made by Linda & 2nd by Joanne, Motion accepted.

Secretary: (Sue)

Motion to accept the November Council minutes made by George & 2nd by Ellen, motion accepted.

UPCOMING CHURCH SPECIAL; EVENTS: (WEDDINGS, FUNERALS, BAPTISMS)

- December 24, Sunday, Christmas Eve Candlelight Service
- January 6, Saturday, 9 am, Undecorate the church.

Old Business:

Church records. Linda is working on them, trying to sort them out.

New Business:

Council Positions up for Nomination: (and possible candidates) Election at Annual Meeting, February 4th.

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Vice President- 2 year term- George Sincock
 Secretary- 2 year term- Sue Nusbaum
 Property- 3 year term - John Melland
 Evangelism- 3 year term - Lori Flick-Langer
 Nominating- 1 year term - Linda Monahan
 Nominating- 1 year term - ???
 Auditors- 2 year term - ???
 Auditors - 3 year term - Dave Grunwald
 All other positions are ongoing until 2025. (see Chart)

Finalize the Church Calendar for 2024; These are the dates thus far:

- January 14, Sunday, five (5) new members will be welcomed into Hainesville Lutheran. With this event we will have a Chicken Dinner after services.
- February 4, Sunday, Hainesville Lutheran will have our Annual Meeting after services. This will also be “Souper Sunday”.
- Reports from Church Officers & Representatives are due January 14th.
- February 14, Ash Wednesday Service at Noon
- Easter Sunday service will include communion
- Confirmation for our students will be May 19th.
- Annual reports need to be submitted to Lana by

January 14th, by all Council members & representatives.

Nordic Church Project:

We have been approved for the grant money. The deadlines for the Project Planning Grant March 19th, & the deadline for the Project Capital Grant is June 15th. More follow-up work is necessary. We will discuss the Project at the Annual Meeting on February 4th.

Noisy Coin Collection: This money has always been designated for the Lutheran Relief Fund to go towards the hungry. Discussion followed to designate the funds to stay locally for the needy. This issue will be presented for a vote to the congregation at the Annual Meeting.

Tabled Items:

Pavilion Sign: Joanne will have a sign made up; before the next rental season in the Spring.

Closing Prayer And Adjournment:

Meeting was adjourned at 7 pm. Motion to adjourn by George, 2nd by Linda. Meeting was closed with the Lord's Prayer.

Next Council Meeting: January 15, 2024, 6 pm.

In Our Prayers! Families, Friends & Neighbors....



Tom (Angermeier), **Devin** (Bartos), **Lyle** (Berndt), **Karen & Del** (Brewer), **Elaine & Jim** (C), **Eugene** (Clark), **Mike & Rina** (Clumpner), **Allan & Betty** (D), **Danielle** (D), **Garrison** (Dixner), **Lynn** (Eskildsen), **Pat** (Fenrich), **Emery** (Freiberg), **Ruth** (Grainger), **Mathilde & Richard** (Hannemann), **Charlotte** (K), **Cindy** (Knapp), **Ellie** (Krull), **Joe** (May), **Ken** (Overland), **Matthew** (Roque), **Alice** (Roque-Angermeier), **Lexi, & Laci** (S), **Lori** (Snyder), **Eric** (Thorson), **Dave, Erik, and Sophie.**



There are several ways to help those less fortunate than us in our community. There is a basket in the fellowship area for food and any other non perishable items. These are taken to Feed My People for distribution. There are baskets on the table below the clock for receipt from Pick & Save and Tadych's Marketplace. These are returned to them for money either by our Women's Group or Feed My People and that is used to help others. Our noisy offerings on non communion Sundays is used for those who are struggling as well. Now during Lent is a great time to refocus on others in our midst.



Feb 4th	Regan Markham
Feb 5th	Pete Larson
Feb 11th	Isaak Aune
Feb 13th	Ben Dixner Young
Feb 15th	Pam Freiberg
Feb 16th	Margery Reynolds
Feb 19th	Jerry Gutschow
Feb 23rd	Evelyn Breider
Feb 23rd	Sue Larsen



Feb 9th	Karin & Don Heldmann
Feb 18th	Mathilde & Richard Hannemann
Feb 26th	Jim Hanstad & Gordy Hughes



Join us for Ash Wednesday service on February 14 at Noon!!! There will be no meal following.

MEET OUR NEW FAMILY MEMBERS



Joe Korte



Becca Anderson & Bob Pachniak



Sue & Bob Peterson



FEBRUARY

2024

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
				1	2	3
 4 Annual Meeting 9:30 Worship/Holy communion <i>Soup lunch and annual meeting See note on bottom of page</i>	5	6 Book Club Noon	7 8 AM Men's Breakfast/ Bible Study	8	9	10 Family Choir 9:30 AM
11 9:30 Worship <i>Confirmation class after worship</i> A-K	12	13 Bible Study Be Like Jesus, Live Like Jesus 9:30	14 8 AM Men's Breakfast/ Bible Study ASH WEDNESDAY service at Noon	15	16	17
18 9:30 Worship/Holy communion <i>Confirmation class after worship</i> L-Z	19 6 PM Church Council	20  WELCA Noon	21 8 AM Men's Breakfast/ Bible Study	22	23	24
25 9:30 Worship <i>Confirmation class after worship</i> A-K	26	27 9AM—Noon "Crazy Comfort Creators" - Quilting for Missions	28 8 AM Men's Breakfast/ Bible Study	29		



At the annual meeting on February 4, 2024 we will be learning more about the Nordic Project and how we can help our church moving forward with this project..

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March Book Club Book

“The Thread Collectors” by Shaunna J. Edwards and Alyson Richman

1863: In a small Creole cottage in New Orleans, an ingenious young Black woman named Stella embroiders intricate maps on repurposed cloth to help enslaved men flee and join the Union Army. Bound to a man who would kill her if he knew of her clandestine activities, Stella has to hide not only her efforts but her love for William, a Black soldier and a brilliant musician.

Meanwhile, in New York City, a Jewish woman stitches a quilt for her husband, who is stationed in Louisiana with the Union Army. Between abolitionist meetings, Lily rolls bandages and crafts quilts with her sewing circle for other soldiers, too, hoping for their safe return home. But when months go by without word from her husband, Lily resolves to make the perilous journey South to search for him.

As these two women risk everything for love and freedom during the brutal Civil War, their paths converge in New Orleans, where an unexpected encounter leads them to discover that even the most delicate threads have the capacity to save us. Loosely inspired by the author’s family histories, this stunning novel will stay with readers for a long time.

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