

# Hainesville Crossroads

Hainesville Lutheran Church ELCA    Sturgeon Bay, WI

JANUARY 2026

**“You are the salt of the earth....You are the light of the world.”**  
**(Matthew 5:13,14 NIV)**

## THIS MONTH .....

- Sunday morning worship at 9:30 is also being livestreamed via YouTube.
- Saturday, January 3rd Family Choir Rehearsal 9:00 AM
- Book club meets January 6th at 10:00 AM
- Men’s Bible study meets Wednesdays at 8 AM at church
- UN-decorate the church on Saturday Jan 17th beginning at 9:00 AM
- Grief Support Group January 15th at 6:00
- Church Council Monday January 19th at 6:00 PM
- “The Wired Word” Bible Study January 20<sup>th</sup> at 9:30
- Quilting group on 2nd & 4th Tuesday of the month at 9 AM.
- January 31<sup>st</sup> Family Choir at 9:30

## THIS IS WHO YOU ARE

Who are you? You could answer that question in a number of ways. You have a name and a birthday. You are someone’s child. Perhaps you are someone’s husband or wife, father or mother. You could answer this question by describing your physical features, your job, your pastimes, or even your skills and abilities. All of these things make you who you are in the world.

Who are you? According to Jesus, you are salt and light. Yet that is not always what you were. In 1 Corinthians chapter 6, the apostle Paul states we were the sexually immoral, greedy, drunkards, slanderers, and the like. In short, we were lost and condemned sinners.

But then Paul continues, “That is what some of you were. But you were washed, you were sanctified, you were justified in the name of the Lord Jesus Christ and by the Spirit of our God” (1 Corinthians 6:11). Notice that Paul says all those terrible descriptions of you are in the past. That is what you *were*. However, now you *are* washed, sanctified, and justified in Jesus. You are no longer lost and condemned because you have been redeemed by Christ. The guilt and shame of a sinful past is replaced by a new and holy life granted to you by Jesus’ victory at the cross and empty tomb. Jesus accomplished everything necessary to forgive your sins; therefore, he can rightly say that you are salt and light.

This very day, you are salt and light. This is not a command of Jesus to work on becoming salt and light in the future. This is who already are in Christ. This is who he made you to be. He made you to be the salt that preserves and flavors the world. He made you a light to reflect the light of the gospel. With God’s help, may you joyfully be who you truly are: the salt of the earth and the light of the world.

**Dear God, thank you for taking me from who I was, a lost and condemned sinner, and making me who I am: a child of your grace. Amen**



## In Our Prayers!

Families, Friends & Neighbors....

**Sharon** (Albert), **Linda** (Anderson), **Tom & Alice** (Angermeier), **Bill & Sue** (Aune), **Cindy** (B), **John** (B), **Elaine** (Caelwaerts), **Mike & Rina** (Clumpner), **Erin** (Culbertson), **Dianne** (D), **Dan** (Fenrich), **Pat** (Fenrich), **Alan** (G), **Barbara** (Hughes/Dean), **Dawn** (Jeanquart), **Charlotte** (K), **Patricia** (Kehl), **Cindy** (Knapp), **Keith** (Knapp), **Myriah** (Krueger), **Kenny** (Meyer), **Beth** (Pachniak), **Monika** (Perry), **Matthew** (Roque), **Kathy** (S), **Todd** (S), **Delores** (Schuyler), **Irene** (Thorson), **Deb** (Ulrich), **Mary** (Zirbel), **Betty**, **Brixanna & Marley**, **Carole & Russ**, **Jay**, **Laurie**, and the family of **Evelyn Breider**.



## CHRIST IN OUR HOME Devotional Booklet

The January-February-March quarterly edition of CHRIST IN OUR HOME is now available. If you'd like to leave a financial donation for the devotion booklet, the collection can be located on the small table near the upstairs elevator door. Thank you for supporting this resource.



This year the Women's Group chose 2 families for our Secret Santa Project. The families were chosen because they are the home for children in Foster Care. It was thought that it would be a good way to thank the families who took them in and to let the kids know that they are loved and appreciated. If in future years you have ideas for who should be chosen please let one of the ladies know.



**The Annual Meeting for Hainesville Lutheran Church** will be February 1, 2026 at 11:00. Please plan on attending and being a part of this important day in the life of our congregation. Reports due to the office Jan 4<sup>th</sup>.

## JANUARY Birthdays

### Birthdays for January

Jan 1st	Ed Stawikowski
Jan 2nd	Becky Brown
Jan 4th	Elsie Wagner
Jan 9th	Bob Packniak
Jan 12th	Vicki Hannemann
	Roberta Roalkvan
Jan 18th	Mathilde Hannemann
Jan 20th	Becca Anderson
	Nolan Schultz
Jan 22nd	Sharon Albert
Jan 27th	Bob Petersen
Jan 30th	Greg Adlon
	Marla Vogel

## JANUARY Anniversaries

Anniversaries for January  
None on record this month



**TOP SECRET**



## WELCA Christmas Party

is a great time for everyone.

There is always a lot of good food to enjoy with family and friends.



Presents ready to be passed out to whomever???????



Eenie, Meenie, Miney, Moe



All set and ready to go!!!



And our “Santa” reads a left-right story and then the laughs begin.

## November 17, 2025 - Hainesville Lutheran Church Minutes

Present: Joanne Adlon, Pastor Mary Lou Plummer, Dean Larson, John Melland, George Sincock, Ellen Klister, Gene LaPlante, Lora Schaefer, & Sue Nusbaum

Absent: Heather Haese, Lori Flick-Langer

The meeting was opened by Joanne Adlon at 6:00 p.m. leading the Council Prayer.

A motion was made to accept the Meeting Agenda by Gene & 2nd by George. Motion approved.

Reports from Congregation Council Representatives:

### Pastors Report: (Mary Lou Plummer)

- Pastor spent time at Bay View Lutheran Church helping them while they're without a Pastor.
- Pastor reports she has received Devotional pamphlets for Advent.
- Ecumenical Thanksgiving Services will be held at Maplewood.
- Youth Sunday will be January 25th; the game "Minute to Win It" will be played after the service. Janet will be playing more contemporary music during the service.
- Advent readings will begin on November 30 & be read by Council members & WELCA women's group.

### Worship, Music, Arts: (Dean Larson)

- Poinsettias will be available for \$10/plant for Christmas service. A note will appear in the bulletin regarding this issue.
- Dean found a third e-mail Church account on-line. He will follow it further.

### Social Ministry: (Lora Schaefer)

- Lots of donated food stuffs were delivered to Feed & Clothe My People along with the help of Marie Weber.

### Evangelism: (Lori Flick-Langer)

- No report.

### Property/Maintenance: (John Melland, Gene LaPlante)

- Gene reported on his research for an outdoor electric digital sign with remote control for

our Church. Stewart Sign, from Florida, supplied the sign for the United Methodist Church. Gene got the costs for a 4'x6' sign (\$17,000) & 4'x8' sign (\$26,500). This issue will be presented to the congregation for a vote at the Annual Meeting in February.

- It was reported to John that there was a leak in the upstairs bathroom sink. No leak was found.
- Gene corrected a leak on the valve of the water boiler. Gene will monitor the valve.
- The John Deere mower needs new front tires. This will be addressed in the Spring.
- John volunteered to mow the grass again next year. Thanks so very much John!

### Education: (Heather Haese)

- No Report.

## CHURCH OFFICERS REPORTS:

### President: (Joanne Adlon)

- The "Trick or Trunk" event had a good showing.
- The positions that will be available on Church Council will be:
  1. Vice President (Jim Vogel has volunteered for this chair)
  2. Secretary
  3. Maintenance
  4. Auditor
- Discussion regarding a time change for Council Meetings.

### Vice President: (George Sincock)

- The bricks for the Memorial wall have been installed. Thanks George!

### Treasurer: (Ellen Klister)

- Linda Kohn has donated \$3,000. \$2,000 to be given to the Ecumenical Housing Project & (\$1000.) to the WELCA Hainesville Women's group.

### Secretary: (Sue Nusbaum)

- Motion to accept the October minutes was made by Gene & 2nd by George. Motion accepted.

## UPCOMING SPECIAL EVENTS: (WEDDINGS, FUNERALS, BAPTISMS, ETC.)

- Thanksgiving Day Ecumenical Services at Maplewood.
- Sunday, December 14th, Youth Sunday - Christmas Program
- Wednesday, December 24th, Christmas Eve (no Communion)
- Youth Sundays - Feb. 15th, Mar. 8, April 12, & May 17th
- Sunday, February 1 - Annual Congregational Meeting
- Wednesday, Feb. 18th, Ash Wednesday, noon, Pastor Mary Lou will preside.

## Old Business & Action Items from Previous Meetings

- Nordic Grant - \$7500. has been received from the Project.
- Ecumenical Partnership for Housing - The ribbon cutting has happened. Remodeling continues.
- Outdoor Signage - (Gene reported on this in Property/ Maintenance).

- Quote from Landscaper - Sund Landscaping - we are waiting on the quote.

## New Business:

- Council members Annual Reports are due January 4, 2026.
- A donation of \$2000. was discussed for need by a member(s) of our congregation. A discussion followed. A motion was made to go ahead by Pastor Plummer & 2nd by George, motion was approved. The pastor will follow through with this action.

## Tabled Items:

- New computer for Church secretary. Deferred until next year.
- Lighting Assessment- need to contact a lighting specialist regarding upgrade.

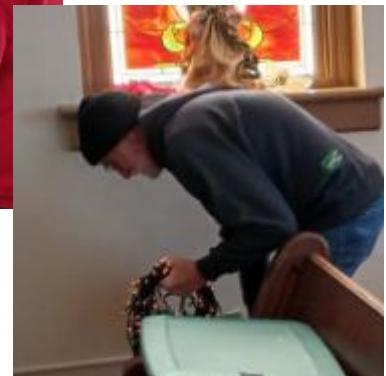
**Closing Prayer & Adjourn:** Motion to adjourn was made by Gene & 2nd by Sue. Motion approved.

The Council meeting was closed with the “Lord’s Prayer led by Joanne, at 6:59 p.m.

Next Meeting: December 15th, 2026 at 6 p.m.



Decorating the church for the Christmas Season took place on December 6<sup>th</sup>. There were many hands that made the job easier and faster. The undecorating will take place on January 17<sup>th</sup> at 9:00. Please come and help. It is a fun way to help in our congregational life.



More decorating pictures.....

The work is all done so now it is time to rest and visit.



## The finished product!!!!

A huge thank you to all who helped.



The Youth participated in the Youth Sunday Service and on Christmas Eve. Here are some pictures from those services. The photographer wasn't the best on all her shots so that is what happened if you were missed in the photos. I am very sorry for that. They all did a fantastic job!!!





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Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
28	29	30	31 8 AM Men's Breakfast/ Bible Study	1	2	3 9:00 Family choir Rehearsal
4  9:30 AM Worship/Communion  L-Z	5  Book Club 10:00	6  8 AM Men's Breakfast/ Bible Study	7  8 AM Men's Breakfast/ Bible Study	8	9	10  Evelyn Breider Celebration of Life 11:00
11  9:30 AM Worship  A-K	12	13 9 AM Quilting for missions	14 8 AM Men's Breakfast/ Bible Study	15 Grief Support Group 6:00	16 <i>Annual meeting reports printed</i>	17  9:00 Undecorate Church
18  9:30 AM Worship/Communion  L-Z  <i>Annual meeting info available</i>	19  6 PM Church Council	20 “The Wired Word” Bible Study 9:30	21 8 AM Men's Breakfast/ Bible Study	22	23	24
25  9:30 AM Worship/Youth Sunday  <b>Council Provides</b>	26	27 9 AM Quilting for missions	28 8 AM Men's Breakfast/ Bible Study	29	30	31 9:30 Family choir Rehearsal

# January Newsletter



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