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# Hainesville Voices of Hope



## From your Covid-19 Task Force

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*Hainesville Lutheran is a fellowship of Christians, empowered by the Gospel, who share their faith through witness, service and hospitality.*

The task force will be meeting on a weekly basis for awhile using the Zoom platform on Tuesday nights at 6:30 PM. The members of the task force are Margie Reynolds contact person, Jan Shusta, George Sincock, Jim Vogel, Marie Weber, Linda Monahan, Dave Freier, Bonnie Kohn, Paula Eggert will be secretary and Pastor Trent as resource person.

### Tuesday July 14th, 2020 meeting summary

Our 7/14/2020 meeting was interesting, to say the least. After reviewing the Covid-19 statistics for our area and state, we reviewed the status of the new procedures we have in place. We also sent a policy to the council regarding basic procedures that we recommend to be followed by anyone using the facility. The council should vote on adopting the policies at their next council meeting. We also are asking the council to do a follow up on an issue that may arise because the key is no longer available in the lock box by the door.

Then the discussion became intriguing. We began discussing what it would look like to have outdoor worship services. It's scary because of all the dangers we would be exposing our dear friends to but exciting as well, knowing we could potentially see those same dear friends and be able to worship with them. PLEASE KNOW THAT WE DO NOT HAVE A DATE SET FOR IN PERSON WORSHIP. The task force has the job of developing policies and procedures for the any in-person worship, as well as other policies and procedures concerning Hainesville during the time of this pandemic.

We imagined what would it look like, how would we keep ourselves safe, how do we communicate what's going to happen, maintaining our on-line worship service, and all kinds of questions and wonderings. We realize that people are anxious to be together as well as anxious about *being* together. Whatever is put in place and whenever it might happen, the choice will always be yours. There is no way to guarantee anyone's safety. The choice of how much risk you are willing to expose yourself to will always be that: YOUR CHOICE. And of the course the safest choice will always be: stay home.

But it was exciting to dream and plan for being together. You may be contacted in the future and asked what would be the likelihood that you would attend an outdoor worship service. We will see, as we work hand in hand with the church council.

Submitted: Paula Eggert, secretary of the task force



## Sharing Quotes from the many resources available to the task force

“From the very beginning, Christian believers have gathered for worship, prayer, instruction, and “breaking bread” to remember Jesus, the One who called them into one Body, the Church. Less than two months after the death and resurrection of Jesus, the believers “were all together in one place” (Acts 2:1). In an early summary of what church life was like, Luke tells us that, “Day by day, as they spent much time together in the temple, they broke bread at home, and ate their food with glad and generous hearts” (Acts 2:46).

For two millennia Christians have continued to gather, assured of the promise of Jesus that, “where two or three are gathered in my name, I am there among them” (Matthew 18:20). We have gathered in small house churches and in soaring cathedrals; we have gathered in one-room chapels and multi-million-dollar facilities; we have met by trees on savannahs and in brush arbors in camp meetings; we have met secretly in underground gatherings and openly in rallies attracting thousands.

Until we couldn’t meet safely. The coronavirus pandemic has challenged churches to continue being the Church without gathering in person. In many places we have met that challenge by meeting online, live streaming worship, providing instructions for worship at home, and finding other ways to connect.

Now churches face another challenge. As states “re-open,” how will we resume worship gatherings in person while the pandemic is still with us? ***A care-filled response to that challenge is much more than unlocking the church doors and inviting all to come, sit, sing, and greet one another as had been our custom. We know the dangers posed and the risks taken if we were to do that. We care enough not to let that happen.***

That’s why we, an ecumenical group of theologians, scientists, physicians, pastors, bishops, and practitioners from United Methodist, Evangelical Lutheran, Episcopal, Pan-Methodist, and Roman Catholic traditions, among others, have gathered in an extended consultation. We have brought to this consultation our particular areas of expertise and we have sought consensus on recommendations for worship, fellowship, and sacramental practices for our Churches in this pandemic. We have also shared our deliberations publicly through live stream and recorded video, receiving many helpful comments from those who have watched us at work. We joined this consultation because we care about people and their safety. And we care about finding ways to gather for worship in this new environment, ways that are rich with theological tradition and faithful in public witness.”

Resource: [Resuming Care-Filled worship and sacramental life during a pandemic: The Ecumenical Resource on Protocols for Worship, Fellowship and Sacraments– “Introduction”](#)

### 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.



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## Upcoming Birthdays & Anniversaries



### Birthdays

July 1st      Derek Hannemann  
 Don Lauscher  
 July 2nd      Kaden Borkovetz  
 Laura Borkovetz  
 July 3rd      Shanna Schmitz  
 Joey Wilke  
 July 4th      Cynthia Kinney  
 July 6th      Kraig Aune  
 July 8th      Linda Monahan  
 July 10th     Ellen Klister  
 July 17th     Adam Gutschow

July 19th     Ardi Lauscher  
 Finley LaVine  
 July 21st     Gary Hannemann  
 July 22nd     Samuel Sund  
 July 24th     Martha Rasmus  
 July 27th     Jim Vogel  
 Madison Ashman  
 Leslie Petersen

### Anniversaries

July 8th      Jim & Linda Monahan  
 July 16th     Arne & Peggy Odegaard

## Prayers for Our Church Family



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), Mary Lee (Riddle), Matthew (Roque), Alice (Roque-Angermeier), Troy (Schiesser), Eric (Thorson), Dorothy (Twiton), Kari (Uetz), Aubrey (W), Laddie (Watson), Judy (Zeitler), and Jeanine.

## How do I send in my weekly offering during this time of Being the Church at Home?

We may not be gathering in our church building right now, but we are still being the church together even when we are apart. While we will be gathering together in person again some time in the future, we still have our financial commitments that need to be met in order to maintain the facilities and operations of the church until then. However, making financial contributions to the church is much more than simply maintaining a building and supporting church programs. Giving to the church is mostly about making a difference in people's lives. It is about supporting ministries that serve the local and global communities out of Christ's call for us to love our neighbor as ourselves. Please remember your offering to the church during this time.

There are two ways to submit your offering:

1. Mail in your offering to church:

Hainesville Lutheran Church  
 3944 County Rd M  
 Sturgeon Bay, WI 54235

2. Sign Up for *Simply Giving* automatic withdrawal program. Please contact Church Treasurer Ellen Klister for more information and assistance with enrollment. A SIMPLY GIVING form will be available with this newsletter as an attachment or included in the postal mailing.



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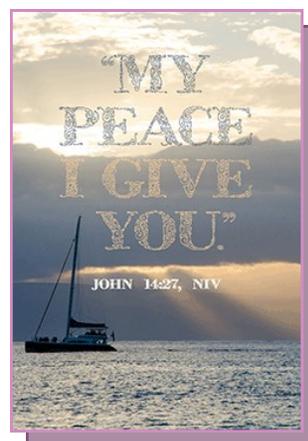
We've seen some changes.  
What hasn't changed?

The Little Church with a  
Big Heart

Don't carry two days at once

"Worrying is carrying tomorrow's load with today's strength – carrying two days at once. It is moving into tomorrow ahead of time." This wise counsel is attributed to Corrie ten Boom, a devout Christian whose family in Amsterdam sheltered some 800 Jewish people from Nazis during World War II, suffering imprisonment as a result. Her father and sister died in captivity, but Corrie was freed and later set up a rehabilitation center for concentration camp victims and supporters of the Germans alike.

Surely ten Boom couldn't have survived and achieved what she did without laying aside her worries and trusting God. Indeed, her wisdom closely echoes Jesus' teaching: "Do not worry about your life. ... Can any one of you by worrying add a single hour to your life? ... Your heavenly Father knows [what] you need. ... Therefore do not worry about tomorrow, for tomorrow will worry about itself. Each day has enough trouble of its own" (Matthew 6:25-34, NIV).



Self-fulfilling prophecies

"Children have this amazing way of becoming exactly who we tell them they are," writes Amy Weatherly. "If we tell them they are strong, they become strong. If we tell them they are kind, they become kind."

Perhaps Jesus knows this when he tells his disciples, "You are the salt of the earth [and] the light of the world" (Matthew 5:13-14). Clearly they haven't already mastered sharing Jesus' goodness with everyone! They are works in progress, as are we. But Jesus, teacher that he is, seems to set the bar high so his followers will strive to meet his expectations.

"You are Peter," Jesus tells Simon, "and on this rock I will build my church" (Matthew 16:18). We can hear Weatherly: "If we tell them they're faithful, they become faithful." And when Jesus declares, "You are of more value than many sparrows" (Matthew 10:31), we believe in our worth and live it out. We become what Jesus tells us we are.

—Heidi Mann

# Puzzle!

Determine the letter patterns and fill in the blanks to complete Galatians 5:1, NIV.

ABCDEFGHIJKLMN OPQRSTUVWXYZ

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Answer: It is for freedom that Christ has set us free. (Galatians 5:1, NIV)