

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

—Corrie ten Boom



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# Hainesville Crossroads

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As soon as they left the synagogue, they went with James and John to the home of Simon and Andrew. Simon's mother-in-law was in bed with a fever, and they immediately told Jesus about her. So he went to her, took her hand and helped her up. The fever left her and she began to wait on them. (Mark 1:29-31 NIV)

## TAKE MY HAND IN SICKNESS

The Bible relates several severe situations of trouble and hardship in people's lives. Think of Job's suffering. He lost all ten of his children, his possessions, his workforce, and his health in a short period of time. Think also of Jairus and his 12-year-old daughter. As her sickness progressed, death filled their home.

The suffering of Simon's mother-in-law was a less severe situation of trouble and hardship. She was in bed with a fever, but she was nowhere near Job's or Jairus' levels of trouble and hardship. Would Jesus care about her fever?

Does Jesus care about our fevers and headaches when others are hurting and dying? Does he care about our runny noses, sore throats, or achy joints when others are facing more extreme trouble and hardships? Yes, he does!!

The disciples immediately made Jesus aware of the mother-in-law's sickness. They cast her cares on him knowing he cared for her (1 Peter 5:7). In a tender and compassionate moment, Jesus took hold of the mother-in-law's hand and her temperature returned to normal.

Remember Jesus' loving hand cooling her fevered body the next time your temperature creeps up or another sickness sets in and you wonder if Jesus cares about it. The same loving hands that willingly faced the heat of God's wrath for us on a cross willingly takes hold of us during the heat of a fever and moments of sickness.

Our Lord reminds us, "I am the LORD your God who takes hold of your right hand and says to you, Do not fear; I will help you" (Isaiah 41:13). The Lord's help may grant instant relief from our sicknesses. The Lord's help will provide the strength to endure the sicknesses. The Lord's help removes all our fear in times of sickness.

Precious Lord, take my hand in sickness. Assure me that whatever trouble or hardship I face, whether big or small, you are with me and you love me. Amen.



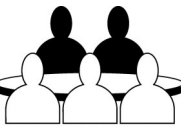
February

- Sunday morning worship in sanctuary at 9:30 and is being live-streamed via YouTube.
- ANNUAL MEETING FEB 2nd following worship service; Soup-er luncheon planned—please help if possible
- Book Club meets February 4th at noon
- Bible Study—NOOMA "rain" February 11th at 9:30
- Church council meets Monday February 17th at 6PM
- WELCA meets Tuesday February 18th at noon
- Men's Bible study meets Wednesdays at 8 AM at church
- Quilting group meets Tuesday February 24 at 9:00



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# December 16, 2024 Hainesville Lutheran Church Council Minutes

Present: Joanne Adlon, George Sincock, Ellen Klister, Pastor Mary Lou Plummer, Gordy Hughes, Marie Weber, John Melland, Sue Nusbaum

Absent: Heather Haese, Lori Flick-Langer, Gene LaPlante

The meeting was opened by Joanne Adlon with the Council Prayer at 6:02 pm.

Motion to accept the Meeting Agenda was made by Gordy & 2nd by George. Motion accepted.

## Pastors Report: (Mary Lou Plummer)

- Pastor visited & gave communion to several congregation members over the last month.
- Pastor visited with several homebound members.
- Attended the Thanksgiving Service on 11/24/2024, at the Moravian Church.
- Helped with the Advent Service at Hainesville & the other participating Advent churches.
- Contacted Heather Haese to substitute for Confirmation Classes.
- Checked into the Ecumenical Transitional Housing project. We will participate in this venture with a number of other area churches. Pastor will write an article for our newsletter asking for members to help with this project which will require attending a monthly meeting & collecting an offering from our members toward this project.
- Pastor has arranged with the Sawyer family for a baptism on Sunday, Jan. 5, for infant Bransen Sawyer.
- The Children's Christmas Pageant is this Sunday, Dec. 22. Pastor will be helping with this service.

## Worship, Music, Arts: (Gordy Hughes)

- Communion assistants were assigned for February.
- A problem was discovered with the candles for the Advent candles, they have defective wicks. Gordy contacted the manufacturer & we will be getting a refund.
- Poinsettias (21) have been ordered for this Sunday, as memorials, etc. Lana will print a page of donors names as an insert in the bulletin.

## Social Ministry: (Marie Weber)

- Marie's daughter, Beth, who works in Social Services, (St. B.) has requested some of our quilts for their recipients. Marie will arrange for this to happen.
- Gifts & gift cards for our Secret Santa family have been purchased & wrapped. These will be delivered soon.
- Food & personal items for Feed & Clothe My People have been a great success & have been delivered.

## Evangelism: (Lori Flick-Langer)

- No report.

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

- John & George have been digging out the ditches on the northside of our property, in the hopes this will help to alleviate the flooding problems next Spring. They will do the other ditches as long as the frost is out of the ground. Thanks guys!

## Education: (Heather Haese)

- This Sunday Dec. 22, is another Youth Sunday. After brunch, everyone will participate in making marshmallow snowmen.
- We are trying to encourage more youth/children to attend our

Youth Sunday services. So, we will let the congregation know of a simplified meal/brunch plan (hot dogs, chips, & brownie) for those particular Youth Sundays.

## CHURCH OFFICERS REPORTS:

### President: (Joanne Adlon)

- Our Annual Meeting will be in February. Council members must have your reports submitted in January.
- Elected positions for Council Representatives & Officers are in February. One person dropping off of the Council in Feb. must be on the nominating committee for the following year.

### Vice President: (George Sincock)

- George called the Nordic Grant Project with no response from the representative.
- Dug out the ditches around church along with John Melland.

### Treasurer: (Ellen Klister)

- Ellen presented the financials for November. Motion was made by George to accept the November numbers. It was seconded by Marie. Motion accepted.

### Secretary: (Sue Nusbaum)

- Motion to accept the November minutes (with changes) was made by Ellen & 2nd by Marie. Motion accepted.

## UPCOMING CHURCH SPECIAL EVENTS: (Weddings, Funerals, Baptisms, etc.)

- Wednesday, Dec. 18th, midweek Advent Service, at Tanum Forest.
- Sunday, Dec. 22, Youth Pageant, Youth Sunday.
- Tuesday, Dec. 24, Christmas Eve Service, 4 pm.
- Sunday, Jan. 5th, Baptism for Bransen Sawyer.

## Old Business & Action Items from previous Meetings:

- Nordic Grant, No update.
- Drainage around Church, the County has dug out ditches along Cnty. M. And George & John will continue to dig out the ditches around the church property.
- A motion was made to donate \$200. to the recent fire victims of Nasewaupsee which the Fire House restaurant is collecting. Motion was made by George & 2nd by John. Motion approved.

## NEW BUSINESS:

- Car Show 2025 - Much of the planning is done for next year's show. Gordy will put together a flier for the show along with Joannes help. George has trophies & is working on "giveaway goodies" for the show. Because the show is a "community event" a budget was discussed & Gordy will work on this action.

## TABLED ITEMS:

- Lighting assessment (once Stained-Glass windows are installed)

Motion to adjourn the meeting was made by George & 2nd by Marie. Meeting adjourned.

The Council Meeting was closed with the "Lord's Prayer" led by Joanne Adlon at 7:14 Pm.

Next Meeting: January 20, 2025, at 6 pm.



## NEWS FROM OUR YOUTH



One service that the youth did was to give a Christmas greeting to some of the shut-ins or those who are less able to get out. This

was to help make their Christmas Season happier and to make them know that they were not forgotten.



Elliott gave the children's message. This is one of the many ways that they participate in the worship service.



Every month there is some sort of activity that children of all ages participate in. It is a great time for everyone. A good time is had by everyone and it is great to see the generations learning about each other.



A new youth joined our congregation when Branson Jonathan Sawyer was baptized. It was a very festive and exciting day to welcome him into our family here at Hainesville Lutheran.



## ECUMENICAL HOUSING PARTNERSHIP

The Ecumenical Housing Partnership of Sturgeon Bay (EHP) is a partnership between people of faith from several congregations in and around Sturgeon Bay. Together with community partners, EHP is working to provide transitional long-term housing to those facing housing insecurity, one family at a time. Presently, EHP has secured a building on 16<sup>th</sup> Avenue which will be converted into a single-family residence. This conversion will be taken up by Habitat for Humanity who quoted a price of \$80,000 for the work project. Presently, EHP has raised \$50,000 toward the project and is hopeful of obtaining the balance needed to begin work.

When completed, the EHP will offer the use of the house to a family who is in need of transitional housing until they can become more secure in their housing. The Hainesville Lutheran Church (HLC) Council has expressed interest in working with ecumenical partners in this effort. To become a participating church, HLC would need to have a representative to serve on the EHP steering committee. Presently, the steering committee meets for one hour every two weeks and are organizing to become a 501c-3 entity. Looking forward EHP hopes to also establish a short-term transitional housing opportunity for people with immediate housing needs (up to 2 days). Participating churches would also be asked to help with fundraising opportunities by allowing one mailing a year to members to apprise them of the needs of EHP.

Council is asking people to prayerfully consider serving as HLC's representative on the EHP steering committee. If you have any questions or would like more information, please contact Pastor Mary Lou at 715-451-9992.

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



**Tom & Alice** (Angermeier), **Bill & Sue** (Aune), **Elaine** (Caelwaerts), **Mike & Rina** (Clumpner), **Erin** (Culbertson), **Tracie** (D), **Deb** (G), **Greg** (Jacobson), **Bridgette** (Jones), **Charlotte** (K), **Keith** (Knapp), **Rachel** (Kriska), **Gene** (LaPlante), **Amy** (M), **David** (Plummer), **Matthew** (Roque), **Lori** (Snyder), **Irene** (Thorson), **Pastor Mike** (Zolnosky), **Betty, Bruce, Keri, Laci, Pastor Laura, and Vincent.**

God Hears and Answers Prayers

### BEYOND CANDY HEARTS AND ROSES

The first half of February seems dominated by pink and red, cards and candy. But people not in a loving romantic relationship can sometimes feel left out of the festivities. Of course, all people need love — and certainly love is not limited to the romantic kind. Author Leo Buscaglia, who became known as “Dr. Love” for writing about the topic, said, “Too often we underestimate the power of a touch, a smile, a kind word, a listening ear, an honest compliment or the smallest act of caring, all of which have the potential to turn a life around.”

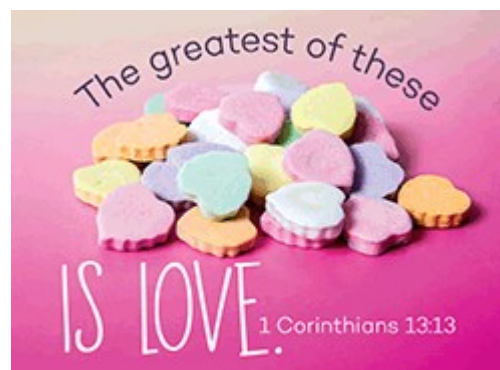
Jesus taught that loving one another is second only in importance to loving God (Matthew 22:37-40), and that when we love one another, God lives in us (1 John 4:12). There are so many ways to do that — beyond candy hearts and roses! But Valentine's Day is as good a reminder as any



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| 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       |



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| Feb 9th  | Karin & Don Heldmann       |
| Feb 26th | Jim Hanstad & Gordy Hughes |





# FEBRUARY

# 2025

| Sun                                                                                                                                                                                                                                | Mon                              | Tue                                                                                                               | Wed                                           | Thu | Fri | Sat                                 |
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| 2<br><br>Annual Meeting<br>9:30 Wor-<br>ship/Holy<br>communion<br><br><i>Soup lunch and<br/>annual meeting<br/>See note on<br/>bottom of page</i> | 3                                | 4<br><b>Book Club</b><br>Noon                                                                                     | 5<br>8 AM Men's<br>Breakfast/ Bible<br>Study  | 6   | 7   | 8                                   |
| 9<br>9:30 Wor-<br>ship /Youth<br>Sunday<br><br>Council pro-<br>vides meal                                                                                                                                                          | 10                               | 11<br><b>Bible Study</b><br>NOOMA<br>rain<br>9:30                                                                 | 12<br>8 AM Men's<br>Breakfast/ Bible<br>Study | 13  | 14  | 15                                  |
| 16<br>9:30 Wor-<br>ship/Holy<br>communion<br><br>A-K                                                                                                                                                                               | 17<br><br>6 PM Church<br>Council | 18<br><br><b>WELCA</b><br>Noon | 19<br>8 AM Men's<br>Breakfast/ Bible<br>Study | 20  | 21  | 22                                  |
| 23<br>9:30 Wor-<br>ship/Food<br>Drive Sunday<br><br>L-Z                                                                                                                                                                            | 24                               | 25<br><br>9AM<br>Quilting for<br>Missions                                                                         | 26<br>8 AM Men's<br>Breakfast/ Bible<br>Study | 27  | 28  |                                     |



At the annual meeting on February 2, 2025 we will be learning more about the projects that have been accomplished in 2024 and what to look forward to in 2025.

# February Newsletter



## Hainesville Lutheran Church –ELCA

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through  
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service and  
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PLEASE HELP YOURSELF

### **March Book Club Book** “Fatal Secrets” by Anita Waller

Nothing is more important than family...

Matt Forrester has followed in his dad’s footsteps, climbing the police ranks to become a DI. But when he receives an urgent call for help, Matt has to rethink his career. His dad has been murdered, and Matt’s not going to let this case go. It doesn’t help that his current boss is sleeping with his ex-wife.

Hermia Forrester didn’t follow her brother into the police force, instead she works in research at the university. But, she’s not going to let that stop her from helping her brother find out what happened to their dad.

But the siblings soon find themselves surrounded by more danger than they ever imagined. Can they both survive this case or will there be more family in the morgue?

The thrilling first instalment in the Forrester Detective Agency Mystery series.



There are several ways to help those less fortunate than us in our community. The last Sunday of each month there is a basket by each entrance to the sanctuary. If you forget that week 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 in our area.

*In the event of weather related closings at church—  
please listen to WDOR or channel 2 for cancellation notices and check our Facebook page*